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THE WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Illinois.—Fair warmer Tuesday; Wednesday fair; fresh south winds.

[T]W[E]NTY-SIXTH YEAR. DECATUR, ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1905. NUMBER 111.

CRISIS REACHED IN ENGLAND

Premier Balfour and Entire Cabinet Tender Their Resignation.

KING EDWARD ACCEPTS

Is the Political Climax In the United Kingdom

[illegible] Dec. 4.—The political crisis [in the United] Kingdom reached a climax when Premier Balfour, for[mally] tendered the resignation of him[self and his] cabinet to King Edward [who accept]ed them. His majesty has [summoned Sir] Henry Campbell-Bannerman [to an] interview tomorrow, when [he will offer] him the mission of form[ing a] cabinet. Sir Henry will ac[cept the ta]sk and within a few days, [or even a] few hours, a new govern[ment will] be formed.

[It is report]ed that the entire program [has been] [illegible] and [illegible] for some time [and it is] very probable the [liberal leader] has already completed his cab[inet. John] Morley is considered likely [to take] the Indian office, and it is [said that] Herbert Henry Asquith will [be chancellor] of exchequer. The for[eign] portfolio will go either to [Lord Rosebery] or Sir Edward Grey, though [the latter] is considered likely to be [illegible] for the colonies.

STRIKE IN THE PALACE

Dispatches Indicate That Czar's Personal Followers Are Rebelling.

NO NEWS OBTAINABLE.

[Par]is, Dec. 4.—The Journal [publ]ishes a St. Petersburg dis[pat]ch which was carried to [Ey]tkuhnen (East Prussia) by a [cou]rier which repeats the recent re[ports] relative to a violent scene in the [palace] at Tsarskoe Selo.

[The J]ournal says the trouble was be[tween] the emperor and Grand Duke [illegible] and was relative to Grand [Duke] Cyrillus. The paper adds:

[It is] certain something extraordi[nary oc]curred there besides the disaf[fection] of the guards and that the [domestic] staff at the palace is [threatenin]g to strike.

No News Coming.

[The] Associated Press and Reuter [Telegr]aph company as well as Eng[lish pa]pers have sent urgent dispatch[es to] correspondents all over Russia, [e]specially at frontier points to [get] news from St. Petersburg and [el]sewhere, but none of the cable [off]ices in London had received [any] up to midnight.

[War]saw is the only point from [which] any Russian news has been re[ceived] since early morning and this, [with] the exception of a private mes[sage] over a railroad line, briefly [tell]ing of a conflagration at Mos[cow], was practically confined to events [in Wa]rsaw and Lodz.

FIGHT AND SUIT AFTER PHONE TALK.

Victim of Horse Whipping Denies Conversation With Woman.

[Winch]ester, Ky., Dec. 4.—E. T. [Woodf]ord has filed suit against H. H. [Scriv]ener and Woodson McCord for [d]amages because of an alleged [assault] on him. The petition alleges [that in] November, 1905, H. B. Scriv[ener] unlawfully, wrongfully and ma[licious]ly assaulted, beat and bruised [the pl]aintiff about the head and body [with hi]s fists and with a buggy whip, [and the] defendant, Woodson McCord, [was pr]esent, aiding, abetting and in[citing] said Scrivener to so beat and [bruise] this plaintiff to his damage in [the sum] of $10,000."

[The] suit grew out of Scrivener's [claim t]hat Woodford used improper [langua]ge in speaking over the tele[phone t]o Mrs. Scrivener. Scrivener [asked] Woodford to apologize, but he [refused] and denied making the re[marks].

[A] conversation between Scrivener [and] Woodford also took place over the [phone] and Scrivener informed [Wo]odford that he would be out to set[tle wi]th him. Woodford told him to [go ah]ead, as he would be ready for [him. Wo]odford lives in the Pine Grove [neighb]orhood and Mr. McCord says [that] Scrivener asked him to drive to [the co]untry, without telling where he [was go]ing or for what purpose. When [they f]ound Woodford, Scrivener gave [him a] lashing with a buggy whip, [which] Mr. McCord says was much to [his s]urprise.

[The pa]rties are all prominent, Mr. [McCord] being sheriff, Mr. Scrivener [a memb]er of the dry goods firm of [Scrivener] Bros., and young Woodford [is a son] of L. T. Woodford.

CORONER'S JURY AGAINST GAME

The Verdict Suggests a Change In the Rules.

[New] York, Dec. 4.—A verdict sug[gesting] the passage of laws to eliminate [danger] from football was returned [today b]y the coroner's jury which in[vestigate]d the death of Herald Moore, [of Og]densburg, N. Y., who was killed during a recent game.

MAKES SECOND ATTEMPT

Dr. Matthews Sharpens a Spoon and Severs An Artery.

RAVING IN DELIRIUM

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 4.—Dr. Joseph B. Matthews, who is in jail here awaiting a hearing on the charge of causing the death of his wife by poison on Friday last, made a second attempt to commit suicide today. Late yesterday afternoon he diluted the heads of matches in a cup of water and swallowed the contents. He soon lost consciousness, but his groans attracted the attention of the prison guard, who summoned a physician, and Matthew's life was saved. Today after sharpening the edge of a pewter spoon on his cell floor he opened an artery in his wrist, but the flow of blood was stopped in time to again save his life. Matthews is raving in his delirium.

INSANE WOMAN HAS POSSESSION

Drives Passengers From Car And Refuses to Surrender.

Girard, Kan., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Ina Berry, of Spokane, Wash., who, while a passenger from Spokane to Tulsa, I. T., became insane last Saturday and with a pistol drove the occupants from the car, which was subsequently sidetracked here, is still in possession of the car. She is suffering from cold and hunger but refuses to surrender, saying she will die in the car.

MURDER TRIAL HAS COMMENCED

"Slugger" Gilhooley Said to Be a Hireling.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The trial of Charles Gilhooley, who is declared by the state's attorney to be a hired "slugger" for the murder of Charles Carlstrom, commenced today. It required eight weeks and the examination of five hundred veniremen to complete the jury. One of the state's witnesses today swore that the officers union unanimously voted to hire Gilhooley as a slugger and appropriated $50 to pay him.

ROBBERIES CEASE

Police Have Had No Complaints for Two Days.

The police have had no complaints of robberies for several days, probably due to the capture of the youthful gang last week. It is hardly probable that all of the thieves were captured who have committed the burglaries of late, but they have at least been scared out temporarily. Things will perhaps go along smoothly until another gang of boys get results from the dime novel and go out on a still hunt.

GRANT STROTHER'S PLEA

Special Attorney Named to Appear Before the Grand Jury.

ARE STILL AFTER NEFF

Special to The Herald.

Taylorville, Dec. 4.—In the circuit court today S. K. Strother, editor of the Courier, presented to the presiding judge, Samuel L. Dwight, an affidavit that set forth the fact that the state's attorney, R. C. Neff, was interested in the proceedings about to be commenced before the grand jury now in session, and asked that a special counsel be appointed to represent the state. Judge Dwight appointed City Attorney Yockey who went before the grand jury and began the examination of witnesses relative to the assault of State's Attorney Neff upon Editor Strother on Friday, November 24. Following the mistrial in Judge Handel's justice court last Saturday, in which the jury hung, Editor Strother went before Judge Handel this morning and had another warrant sworn out for Neff's arrest. The case is set down for next Saturday at 9 a. m.

Fraud Charged.

The Supreme Court of Honor is suing Mrs. Sarah Williamson and a number of other Pana parties, for $2,000, the amount of a policy paid by the fraternal insurance company to Mrs. Williamson upon the death of Frank Eaton on August 18, 1897. Eaton died one month after the certificate was issued and the company claims that he secured his insurance through fraud, as he was in the last stages of consumption at the time the policy was issued. The physician who made the physical examination, Dr. R. C. Danford, was an original party to the suit and was charged with being one of the conspirators but the case has been dismissed as to him, and the Court of Honor will attempt to show that another man took the examination at the instigation of the defendants, representing himself as Eaton. A large number of witnesses are here from Pana and the case is attracting unusual interest.

Returns to Work.

Miss Ottie McMillan returned to her work at Brodess' confectionery store yesterday, for the first time since her accident. Just seven weeks ago last night she fell at the skating rink and sprained her ankle [sever]ely. She still suffers from the injury.

TIRES OF BEER GARDENS.

Woman Asks Divorce to Seek Other Amusement.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Frank Kronzek, a [Ge]die Gunther has sued John M. Gunther for divorce, alleging that he refuses to accompany her anywhere except to beer gardens. She asks that he be enjoined from coming to her home or disposing of her property.

CONGRESS OPENS 59TH SESSION

The First Day's Formalities Witnessed By Crowded Galleries.

KID MEMBER BUTTS IN

Mr. Wharton of Illinois Gets Thrust From John Sharp Williams.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The assembling today of the fifty-ninth congress was marked by no unusual incidents, but it attracted crowds of spectators who took a lively interest in the proceedings. In the senate, proceedings were brief, but the most spectators seemed to find quite as much to interest them in observing the senators who remained on the floor after adjournment as they could have experienced had the session continued longer.

Senators Allison and Morgan were appointed by Vice President Fairbanks as a committee to notify the president congress was ready to receive any communication he desired to make.

The senate was in session only twenty minutes. Senators Aldrick (Rhode Island), Knox (Pennsylvania), Warner (Missouri), Frazier (Tennessee), took the oath and an adjournment was taken as a mark of respect to the late Senator Platt of Connecticut.

The House.

The house was in session more than three hours and while the proceedings followed the usual program of opening of congress there was enough interest to hold an exceptionally large audience during the entire time.

One noticeable feature was the absence of flowers which here tofore have been common to both chambers. This was due to the resolution adopted unanimously by the senate and to an order of speaker in the house. During the sessions today senators and representatives visited galleries, and chatted with friends.

Preliminary steps to organization were taken by the house. Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois was reelected speaker, members of the house took the oath; officers and floor employes were reelected; the rules of last congress were adopted.

Members went through the formality of drawing for seats, all of which was enlivened by the presence of crowds in the galleries, the animation of the reunion of veterans and the interest of new ones.

In a brief speech against the adoption of the rules the minority leader, Williams, of Mississippi touched on the interest of the country in tariff legislation and told of new republican "ideas" which were being "wafted to Washington on the the breezes from every part of the country." These, he said, might be properly legislated for should the "minority of the majority" oppose the [a]ction of old rules and form new ones, which would permit consideration of such legislation as popular opinion might dictate.

Wharton Butts In.

Williams was asked by the youngest member of the house, Wharton, of Illinois for an explanation of what he had meant by the word "kid" in asking for support in opposition to rules from new republican members.

The retort was instantaneous and caused a burst of laughter at the young member's expense "With that degree of reverence which the personal appearances of my interrogator excites in my mind, I should say he would be the last member of this house to ask that question," said Williams.

A committee was appointed to act with the senate committee in notifying President Roosevelt that congress was ready to transact business.

A rules committee and a committee on mileage were appointed.

The rules committee consists of the speaker, Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, Grosvenor of Ohio, Williams of Mississippi, De Armond of Missouri.

The house adjourned after a session which lasted three and a half hours, in compliance with resolutions announcing the death of Senator Platt of Connecticut, and Representative Marsh of Illinois.

STEEL COMPANY'S HEAVY LOSS

Fire Destroys All Patterns, Entailing Loss of a Million.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The Illinois Steel company, a branch of the United States Steel company, sustained a heavy loss today when the building used as a storage house for patterns was destroyed by fire. All patterns were destroyed, entailing a loss which the officials of the company estimate at $1,000,000.

NEWSPAPER MEN AT CAPITAL.

Washington, Dec. 4.—A delegation of eighty newspaper men from South Dakota arrived in Washington and will remain here several days viewing the sights of Washington. The party is made up of members of the state Press association of South Dakota.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Chairman Burrows of the senate committee on privileges and elections says no action will be taken in the Smoot case until the vacancy on the committee is filled which put it over until after the holiday recess.

MRS. YATES DEAD.

Omaha, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Catherine Schuey Yates, wife of John T. Yates, sovereign clerk of the Woodmen of the World, died today at St. Joseph's hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. She is survived by the husband and five children.

ITS DEMOCRATIC NOW

Political Complexion of Interstate Is Changed By New Man.

REPUBLICAN NO MORE

Washington, Dec. 4.—Franklin Lane, whose nomination in the interstate commerce commission is to be sent to the senate tomorrow, is a democrat and his appointment will change the political complexion of the interestate commerce commission from republican to democratic. Former Governor Fifer of Illinois, whom Lane will succeed on the commission, is a republican, as also are Knaff and Prouty. Cockrel and Clements are democrats. While Lane has always been a democrat in politics, he was a supporter of Roosevelt in the last campaign.

PROBLEM OF RAILROADS

Traffic Managers Must Prevent Congestion From the Freight Movement.

MISS GOULD'S GIFT

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—Traffic managers of all the railroads entering the middle west are face to fac with the most difficult problem of their railroad career. Never before in the commercial history of this section has there been such an enormous movement of freight of all kinds in every direction. Briefly stated the problem is one of getting cars and of preventing congestion at terminals, and connecting points by keeping those cars moving.

Thus far the efforts of the railroad managers have been attended with fair success. It has been a stiff struggle for them, however, and now although every car has been pressed into service there is still a cry for more. Enormous quantities of grain are being moved but there is also an unusual amount of general merchandise in motion and this is increasing so steadily that the full capacity of the roads will probably be taxed throughout the current year.

Various reasons have been assigned for the condition, the chief ones being the size of last season's grain crop, the growing prosperity of the country and as a correlative of these two, the low rates at which traffic is carried. Commission dealers, wholesalers, grain buyers, and others who are directly interested in the preservation of traffic, assert that only in the United States could such an amount of stuff be handled in anything less than twice the time now consumed.

Drastic business measures have been adopted by both the roads and by the shippers in order to keep this volume of traffic on the move. Similar conditions prevailed in Germany a couple of years ago during a season of unwonted prosperity there, but the German roads tied down by governmental regulations and hampered by red tape methods of the officials, found themselves utterly unable to cope with the situation. It is pointed out that were a railroad bureau to be established in Washington on the lines proposed by many of the anti-railroad agitators, our present systems would be utterly inadequate. As it is the only thing that the managers are fearing is heavy snow and severe cold weather.

COUNTY COURT.

The will of the late William Gaebler was filed for probate in the county court and Jan. 3 was set as the date for the hearing.

Stephen Waldron was before Judge Smith in the county court Monday to answer the charge of malicious mischief. He was fined $25 and costs.

The will of the late William C. Hayes was admitted to probate in the county court Monday. The will provides that the entire estate go to the widow, Katherine L. Hayes. There is some real estate and $250 worth of personal property. The widow is the executrix without bond.

James Gibson, an inmate of the county poor farm, is alleged to be insane and an inquisition will be held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon in the county court.

CUT BULLET OUT.

Doctors Perform an Operation on Reuben Whittaker.

Dr. John T. Miller and Dr. Fitzpatrick performed an operation Monday on Rube Whittaker, the man who was shot by Policeman Muthersbaugh. The bullet was removed from the man's foot.

The bullet had entered at the bottom and was in the middle of the foot and it was found that wound was infected. The doctors think that the man will get along all right and will probably not lose his foot.

ACCIDENTS.

N. B. Kenney, who lives at 418 East Eldorado street, had a bad accident yesterday morning, while going to the Kipp grocery to fire the furnace. He was wearing a pair of new shoes, and just as he got in front of Freund's clothing store, he slipped and fell, bruising his left leg and hip. He was assisted into the Martin saloon and a carriage was called. Officer Pound assisted him into the vehicle. He was driven home and Dr. Randall was called. He pronounced his injuries not serious, although Mr. Kenney will be laid up for several days.

BIRTHS.

Platt—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Platt, 256 East Olive street, Sunday, December 3, a son.

Stout—Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Stout, room 8, Gebhart block, Monday, December 4, a son.

BIG RAILROADS ARE INSOLVENT

Funded and Floating Debts Assuming Enormous Proportions.

SUITS ARE THREATENED

Judson Harmon, Former Attorney General Is the Receiver.

Cincinnati, Dec. 4.—The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton and the Pere Marquette railroads were placed in the hands of a receiver by United States circuit judge, Henry Lurton, tonight, and Judson Harmon, former United States attorney general, was appointed receiver. The application was made on behalf of Walter B. Horn, New York creditor of both roads, and it was agreed to by the defendants, in answers admitting the principal charges of insolvency.

The defendant made a statement concerning the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road admitting a deficit of more than $6,000,000 with various suits threatened. The petition for a receiver declares that the Cincinnati road was solvent July 7, 1904, but since then its funded debt has increased more than $25,000,000 and its floating debt has increased until it now exceeds $8,000,000. The funded debt of the defendant and its constituent companies December, 1905 (not including the Pere Marquette or the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville) was upwards of $69,000,000.

The funded debt of the Pere Marquette and its constituent companies upwards of $51,000,000; of Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville, more than $6,500,000, and of the Toledo railway and Terminal company, $3,500,000. The floating debt of the defendant, $6,625,000, exclusive of judgments.

It was further asserted that cash assets of the defendants at the close of business on December 2, 1905, including cash assets of the Pere Marquette amounted to less than $100,000. Fixed charges due or about to become due are $5,000,000 for which estimated December earnings of $1,625,000, nor over $60,000 in bills receivable, and not more than $100,000 cash were available.

The petition for receiver of the Pere Marquette road alleges that to meet $404,830 interest due January 1, next, "the company has no deposit, pledge or mortgage." The company has outstanding obligations of over four millions, funded debt December 1 last over $54,000,000; and an assumed bonded debt of the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville, of $6,500,000. The road also owes the state of Michigan $600,000, which it is unable to pay.

MRS. GUY LEWIS DEAD

End Came at Midnight As Result of Heart Failure Following Grip.

NEWS SHOCKS FRIENDS

Friends of Mrs. Guy A. Lewis, corner of Union and Marietta street, will be shocked to hear of her death which occurred at midnight. Her death was due to heart failure. She had been suffering with an attack of grip and had been threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Lewis had for many years been a resident of this city and had she lived until May would have been sixty-four years of age.

She is survived by her husband and three children—Mrs. Henry A. Wood, Miss Mayme Lewis and Guy P. Lewis.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

AN OMAHA GIRL KILLS HERSELF

She Turns On Gas Jets In St. Louis Hotel.

St. Louis, Dec. 4.—A stylishly dressed young woman, apparently twenty-four years old, who registered at the Jefferson hotel Saturday as Jessie Johnson of Omaha, Neb., was found dead in her room this afternoon. The gas jets were turned on and beside the bed were two half empty bottles, one containing laudanum and the other chloroform.

HAS RUN OF HARD LUCK

J. W. Whitsett Recovers Fronm One Injury Only to Get Another.

J. W. Whitsett seems to have a streak of bad luck following him of late. He is employed at the Tait manufacturing establishment, and about three weeks ago had the misfortune to run a screw driver through his hand. That was just beginning to heal nicely, enabling him to return to his work, when, last Saturday, while working around some blocks of wood, he accidentally got his thumb caught between two of them in such a way as to badly mash that member. It is not thought, however, that he will lose the thumb, although it will be quite sore for many weeks and he may never have the full use of it again. Dr. A. F. Wilhelmy dressed the injury.

BONDHOLDERS HOLD MEETING

Talk Over Southern Mutual Investment Company Affairs.

ALL ARE SATISFIED

J. F. Given Instructed to Make Inquiries.

The Decatur people who bought bonds from the Southern Mutual Investment company, located at Lexington, Ky., held a meeting yesterday morning in J. F. Given's office for the purpose of talking over the reported mismanagement of the company relative to their funds and the consolidation of said company with others to be operated from a notice in Chicago.

The meeting was held at 10 o'clock and there were about thirty of the Decatur bondholders present. After looking at the matter from every point of view and discussing it thoroughly, there was a general feeling of assurance expressed from all that the thing would come right in the end, and there was not a single one who expressed a desire to take advantage of the privilege of drawing out the 60 per cent of all that they had put in.

Mr. Given Writes.

Mr. Given was appointed a committee of one to write to the state secretary at Frankfort, Ky., to ascertain whether or not the $100,000 security fund paid in by the company was intact. In the state of Kentucky investment companies are compelled to deposit $100,000 with the state treasurer, this money being held to secure the investors in case the company fizzles out. From this every bondholder is privileged to draw 60 per cent of the money paid in at any time they feel that they are not in on a safe proposition.

Another letter Mr. Given was instructed to write was to the head man at Chicago, where the headquarters of the new company are to be located. This letter asks for a sworn statement relative to the assets and liabilities of the new company. Both letters were written yesterday morning and Mr. Given expects results within a few days.

All Feel Assured.

That all the bondholders are satisfied that they are not going to lose their money is evidenced by the fact that they do not care to take even what they can get now by making a request for their 60 per cent. The name of the new company will be The American Reserve and Bond company, which comprises the Southern Mutual Investment company of Lexington, Ky.; the North American Investment company of the United States, and the Colonial Security company of St. Louis, Md. What made the bondholders of this city feel a trifle uneasy at first was the fact that the Mutual concern is to move from the state of Kentucky, where laws governing them are very rigid to Illinois, where the laws are more lax.

RUSH AT COAL DEALERS

Advance In Price and Advent of Cold Weather Causes Hustling.

MAKES ORDERS AHEAD

The coal dealers were all rushed to the limit yesterday. The combination of an advance of 25 cents a ton and the cold wave had the effect of giving the dealers more business than they could do.

At the office of the Decatur Coal Co. the statement was made that their orders received yesterday were sufficient to keep all of the company teams busy for three days and that perhaps then all of the Monday orders could not be filled by Wednesday night. When the rush began to be apparent the consumers were asked if they were in a rush. Those that said they could wait or a few days were put at the foot of the list and those pleading that their supply was exhausted were told that they would be served at the earliest moment possible.

It was a question if the advance of 25 cents a ton and the fear of another advance was the cause of the rush or if some persons were awakened to the condition of their coal pile by the sudden cold drop in temperature.

DECATUR THEATRES.

Powers Grand.

"The Belle of Broadway" was the play at the Grand opera house last night. It is a musical comedy and there was plenty of music and dancing to suit those who like that kind of a performance. There was not a large house.

At the Bijou.

It has been a long time since the patrons of the Bijou have enjoyed such a laugh as this week's bill is able to produce. Ranwls and Von Kaufman make one of the greatest hits ever seen there. Their act is a laugh from beginning to end. And there is plenty for those who do not enjoy that kind of entertainment. Mietts and his trained dogs are alone well worth twice the price of admission. One noticeable fact about Prof. Mietts, different from all other trainers, is that he never whips his dogs, not even finding it necessary to do so when he was trainin gthem. They have wonderful animal instinct and he has but to speak one word for them to jump. They do some wonderfully clever tricks.

ILLINOIS MEN ARE IN TROUBLE

Obtain Vast Sums of Money Through Fraudulent Operations.

HAD WORKED FOR MONTHS

Operators Said to Have Extended From Ohio to Pacific Coast.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—J. H. Osborne, a wealthy capitalist of Jacksonville, Ill., and Thomas B. Smith, former Methodist minister of the same city, were arrested here today, accused of conspiracy to obtain money by false pretenses. According to attorneys for the prosecution the two men have victims from Ohio to the Pacific coast, and have obtained large sums of money by their alleged fraudulent methods of transacting business.

Osborne and Smith are said to represent the National Stock & Bond Guarantee Co., which opened for business in Chicago six months ago, offering to finance mining enterprises.

The alleged conspirators will be arraigned Friday upon the complaint of Samuel W. Miller, of Denver, treasurer and general manager of the Idaho Springs Mining company. Miller, it is alleged, paid Osborne and Smith $500 to have his company underwritten to the amount of $100,000. It is now declared that the guarantees given by the Stock and Bond company are worthless and that Miller is out his $500. Several other similar deals, in which it is alleged that thousands of dollars have been secured by the two men, are awaiting the outcome of the Miller suit.

PAID HIM $300 A WEEK

Interesting Developments In the Insurance Investigation.

BROCKWAY TESTIFIES.

New York, Dec. 4.—The most interesting development in the insurance investigation today was continued in the testimony of Horace H. Brockway, hotel proprietor and director of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, who said he had given $6,600 to President Burnham of that company at the demand of Burnham in 1898.

Brockway told the committee that Burnham had told him if he would take out policies in the Mutual Reserve he would make him a director. Brockway took out policies amounting to $6,000. After having been director some time he was put on the pay roll of the company at $300 a week, receiving that salary four months and then was cut to $200 a week. When asked what he did to earn that money he said he looked over some loans for the company, was consulted by policy holders as to whether the company was a good one to insure in and did whatever he was asked to do. He had been getting $300 a week eight weeks when Burnham demanded the $6,000.

George D. Eldridge, vice president and actuary of the Mutual Reserve, testified that Burnham told him he had given the $6,000 to Hilary Bell, a newspaper man and publicity agent of the company to secure publication of articles favorable to the company at a time when it was being criticised in other newspapers. Eldredge also testified that the company had much trouble with Andrew J. Clunie when he was superintendent of insurance in California and in six years from 1897 paid Thomas J. Clunie, the commissioner's brother, $7,500 in counsel fees to represent the company before the insurance commissioner and legislature of that state.

Socially Speaking

A euchre club meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. T. Castle on East William street.

Gave a Party.

Mrs. H. C. Helm gave a card party Friday evening to several of her friends at her home, 1076 East Prairie street. Refreshments were served and all had a delightful time.

L. A. P. Club.

The L. A. P's, the new club formed about three weeks ago, will have their second dance this evening in the Whitman hall on East Eldorado street. There will be about thirty couples present and all are anticipating a pleasant evening.

At the Rink.

About sixty-five ladies from Linn & Scruggs had possession of the skating rink last night after the regular hour. It was a merry crowd and to say that they had a jolly time would be putting it mildly. The band was secured for the occasion, which added to the good time.

THE LOCAL WEATHER.

The local weather conditions for the 24 hours ending at 7 p. m. Monday, as reported by J. H. Coonradt, government observer, follows:

7 a. m.	8
Noon	20
7 p. m.	19
Highest	28
Lowest	8

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NEARBY TOWNS

CLINTON.

Clinton, Dec. 2.—Sheriff Hoff went to Quincy and brought back with him James Lane, who is wanted here to answer to seven indictments, charging false pretenses. His bail was fixed at $1,000 in each case and he is now confined in jail in default of bail.

Champaign High school was defeated by a score of 17 to 1 in the football game with Clinton Thursday.

Court will convene again Monday. The civil cases will then be taken up and finished by Wednesday. The criminal docket is set for Thursday.

The Rebekahs' League ball given Thursday evening was a decided success in every way. The K. of P. hall was beautifully decorated with palms and flags. Almost the entire membership was present in full uniform. This ship was present ... is the only company ... is a uniform rank degree of Rebekahs. Quite a number attended from Decatur and Bloomington.

Mrs. Kate Rose and daughter of Memphis, Tenn., who have been visiting Mrs. Edmiston of North Monroe street, have returned south.

Earl Anton was the guest of his mother in Mansey, Ill., a few days.

L. H. Merriman has received the appointment as carrier on Rural Route No. 3.

Leon Kirk and family spent Thursday with relatives in Decatur.

Emmett Hull who is attending the Purdue University is visiting his parents a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Wertz of Decatur were guests of J. F. Miller and wife Thursday.

Miss Martha Hunt is spending her vacation of a few days in Chicago.

Miss Grace Parrady was called to Vandalia by the serious illness of her sister.

The offering given at the union Thanksgiving service was twenty-two dollars all of which will be given to the relief fund of the churches.

Mrs. Harvey Truax has been visiting friends in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Christian are visiting relatives in Decatur this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carter of Bloomington are visiting Mrs. Carter's sister, Mrs. Dr. M. L. Cummings.

Dr. Glendenning has returned from a business trip to Oklahoma.

Mrs. Nina Sylvester of Springfield is visiting her parents in Clinton a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Craig has returned from a visit of a few days in Chicago.

Miss Minnie Ely has returned from a visit in LeRoy with friends.

Misses Rundle and Davidson entertained a few friends at the home of Miss Rundle in honor of Miss Sylvia Newman of Breckenridge, Mo.

Misses Jess Stuart and Lenore Holland of Decatur attended the Red Men's ball, given here Thursday.

Mrs. Dr. Thorp of Decatur is visiting her father A. D. McHenry.

Miss Sheila Peddicord is visiting friends in Chicago.

Miss Mabel Moore who is attending Champaign University, is home for a few days.

Mrs. James Duvall of Monticello is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bert Rankin.

James Jeffrey and C. W. McCord and their wives have returned from an extended trip through the south.

Perry Hughes has returned from a business trip to Louisiana.

There was a large attendance at the sunrise prayer meeting at the M. E. church Thursday morning.

Mrs. Frank Fish has returned from a visit with her daughter in Waterloo, Iowa.

Miss Agnes O'Keough, trimmer for the millinery firm of Clark & Crosby, is visiting friends in Dixon.

Miss Gerald Martin of Maroa who has been visiting Miss Leda Barrick has returned home.

Lee Perkins and family are guests of relatives in Jacksonville.

Joseph C. Whitmeyer of Decatur and Miss Effie Shavitt of Elder, Mo. were married by Judge F. C. Hill Friday morning in the court room.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ledden gave a family dinner to a number of relatives Thursday.

Mrs. F. B. Kemp left Thursday afternoon for a few days visit with her mother at Blue Mound.

John Lyming and family of Maroa visited friends here Friday.

Agent Pattengale and family returned Friday from their visit at Ocone.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Charles Phares at Clinton Saturday afternoon. She died at her home at Gallatin, Mo., on Wednesday.

Charles Bryant of Clinton was here on business Friday.

Thomas Orwon, who has been working for A. E. Newman, shipped his household goods back to Indiana, Friday.

MOSQUITO.

Mosquito, Dec. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris have a new baby boy.

Among those that entertained friends at dinner Thanksgiving were Mrs. Pettigol, Mrs. Hupp, Mrs. Furstenburg, and Mrs. Barnett and Roy Riggle.

Among the sick are Jack Bramble's little boy, William McVey, Miss Woods, and Mrs. Charles Augustine. Charley Timmons' two little children have whooping cough.

Mrs. Charles Ford is visiting in Decatur.

N. B. Roberts and wife of Niantic visited J. R. Scott.

LAKE CITY.

O. H. Bronard and wife of Decatur spent Thanksgiving with their parents here.

Mrs. Lorah McMullin of Bethany was the guest of Mrs. J. F. Dickson Thursday.

W. H. Rankin of Decatur was here Thursday.

A dance was held in Springer's hall Thursday night.

The Odd Fellows gave a banquet Thursday night to its members and their friends.

A basket supper was held at the school house Wednesday night. A good crowd was present.

Bert Springer of Decatur visited his mother here Thursday.

Miss Clara Dillehunt of Decatur is the guest of Miss Cora Marlow this week.

A. C. Foley and wife were Decatur visitors Wednesday.

Sam Stocks and family of Macon are visiting relatives here.

Guy Springer who has been in the south the past few months has returned home and has accepted a positon as helper in Judd Rice's billiard hall at Decatur.

Roy Baker and family visited relatives in Arthur Thursday.

Harry Fulk visited his uncle, Wm. Sinclair, of Arthur, Thursday.

A house party is being given by Miss Lina Seiders this week at her home to some of her friends. Those present were Misses Foots, Dick and Georgia Faith of Warrensburg, Francis Faith of Illiopolis and Lena Hight of Dalton City.

Miss Nerva Vansickle visited relatives in Sullivan Thursday.

Bert Hollis of South Dakota is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Geo. Vansickle.

Arthur Stocks of Decatur was here Thursday.

Miss Daisy Miers of Decatur is visiting friends here this week.

Thomas Maxfield was a Decatur visitor Thursday.

Thomas Davidson and Harry Adams of LaPlace were initiated into the mysteries of the Rebecca lodge here Tuesday night.

Miss Callie Hutchings of Moweaqua is the guest of Miss Ola Gifford.

Harve Jolley and family of Decatur moved here Friday.

Owen Acom, who has been attending the University of Illinois, is home for a short vacation.

BEMENT

Mrs. Ed Davis and daughter, Goldie, were shopping in Decatur Friday.

Miss Alma Gaston returned home Wednesday from Bloomfield, Ind., accompanied by her aunt and uncle, Miss Gaston and her brother.

Mrs. Dr. Mitchell is visiting friends in Cerro Gordo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pettit of Chicago are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Martin.

Misses Bleach and Jessie Oldridge visited Mrs. James Howard Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Lewis Alvord and children are visiting relatives in Chapin, Ill.

Mrs. Ed Moyer and daughter Mrs. Ona Cornelius, returned from Urbana, where they visited Mrs. Lena Johnson.

Mrs. Rue Malone and daughter are visiting relatives in Urbana.

J. C. Felger was in Detroit on business this week.

Miss Theo Lancaster returned home Wednesday night from an extended visit with relatives in Newcastle, Del.

Mrs. Julia Walker is visiting in Altamont.

Billy Mason returned home Friday from a hunting trip in the south part of the state.

Mrs. Felger of Elgin, Ill., is visiting her son, J. C. Felger.

Mr. and Mrs. Arley Booker of Decatur returned home Friday after spending Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rue Booker.

Mrs. Burks is home from Fairmont.

Mrs. Olson of Farmer City visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flowers the past week.

Dr. Ward, father of Colfax Ward, spent Thanksgiving with his son.

Will Wall and Tom Castle of Monticello spent Thanksgiving in Bement.

Miss Emma Day's school gave a box social at the McCabe school house Friday night.

Archie Saylers of Cerro Gordo was in town Friday.

A number of Bement ladies went to Taylorville Thursday to spend Thanksgiving with a number of her friends.

Miss Florence Lionight of Evansville, Ind., is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Dr. Ward visited in Cerro Gordo Friday.

Guy Mederas gave a private party at the skating rink Friday night to about ten couples.

LATHAM.

Latham, Dec. 3.—Rev. P. Hanks returned from a visit with his parents in Missouri on last Saturday morning.

The Lavenna Moore Stock Co. is holding forth at the opera house this week, and they are attracting large crowds, in fact they are a favorite company with the Latham people.

Mr. and Mrs. Majors of Warrensburg spent Thanksgiving day with their daughter and family Mrs. Frank Wyck.

Mrs. H. F. Mass went to Decatur on Friday to do some shopping, and visit friends for the day.

Manford Pence has been having all kinds of trouble with the new corn sheller which he has recently purchased and on Saturday he had several experts here to put the machine in the proper working order.

George Peiffer, who has been laid up for the last six weeks with broken legs, was able on last Thursday for the first time to get up out of bed and dress; and it will be several weeks yet before he will be able to go out of doors.

Mrs. John Ives went to Decatur on Thursday morning to spend several days visiting with friends in that city.

Miss Della Weckel was called to Mt. Pulaski on Friday afternoon by the serious condition of some relative who resides there.

Mrs. Harry Allison has been real poorly during the past week.

Norman Carr of Upper Alton, Ill., who is acting in the capacity of financial secretary of Shurtleff college, was in this vicinity for several days this week in the interest of that college.

CHESTNUT.

Chestnut, Dec. 2.—John Sheridan is building a residence on the lots bought of P. R. Israel.

Last Saturday night's box social at the G. A. R. hall netted the young ladies of the M. E. church $53.

Henry Gableman went to Chicago last week to purchase a supply of Christmas goods.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eakin.

Charles McCurdy and Mike Swan returned from their hunting trip yesterday.

A number of substantial farmers went before the state board of equalization at Springfield last Tuesday to have Aetna township tax reduced.

OSPUR.

Ospur, Dec. 3.—Will Young and wife and Oscar Phares were Maroa visitors Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. McLean and Mr. and Mrs. George Smart of Maroa were here Tuesday.

Miss Carrie Ledden is spending Thanksgiving holidays at home.

Mrs. H. A. East of Maroa was here Thursday.

OAKLEY.

Oakley, Dec. 3.—Mrs. J. R. Hefner returned home Thursday evening after a several days' visit with her husband, who is ill at the Wabash hospital.

B. F. McCoy and daughter, Ethel, and Mrs. D. A. Merris and family spent Thanksgiving in Decatur with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCoy.

E. B. Smith attended the teachers' institute in Decatur Friday and Saturday.

Reed Holcomb spent Thanksgiving in Milmine with his grandparents.

A number of our young people attended the box social at the Walnut Grove school Wednesday night.

Robert Hoots attended the football game in Decatur Thursday.

REVIVAL STARTS AT MOWEAQUA

Baptists Are Hopeful of Great Results There.

The Baptist church people under the efficient management of their pastor, the Rev. A. D. Cooper, began a series of revival meetings on Thursday night. They have secured as their leader in these meetings the noted evangelist, the Rev. Sid. Williams and his singer of Texas. Mr. Williams comes directly from Muskogee, Indian Territory, where he has been conducting a great meeting. It is the hope of the church leading in these meetings and the Christian people of the town that these meetings may be meetings of power.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Adams spent Thanksgiving at Maroa with their daughter, Mrs. Stroude.

George Kirkman and wife visited with his mother, sisters and brothers in Decatur, Thursday.

Clarence and Robert Hammil went to Decatur to see their sister, Miss Irene, who had a very serious operation performed at St. Mary's hospital this week. She is reported as doing as well as she could under the circumstances.

There was the usual union Thanksgiving sermon this year. The Rev. A. R. Spicer of the Christian church preached the sermon at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock Thursday. The attendance was large, and the music and sermon were in harmony with the prosperous and strenuous times.

The public school children are enjoying their Thanksgiving holiday and the teachers are quite happy to have their rest.

The different Sunday schools of the town are planning their Christmas exercises.

The orchestra of the M. E. church are having regular practice.

Thanks to the city fathers for the new sidewalks.

Rev. A. L. Cooper preached at Stonington Thursday night.

Rev. Robert H. Irwin preached the Thanksgiving sermon to a large crowd at the U. B. church at Dalton City.

William Aydelott and son went to Decatur Wednesday.

Mrs. Ballington Booth, the most noted Salvation Army worker in America, passed through Moweaqua Thursday night. She gives most all of her time to work among prisoners.

WAYNESVILLE.

Waynesville, Dec. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Simpson and son, Clare, of Oakland, spent Thanksgiving here with the parents of Mr. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin spent Thanksgiving in Clinton as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cutting.

W. A. Graham went to Oklahoma on a prospecting trip.

Sam Martin is in Kansas looking after his oil interests there.

Miss Minnie Mathews of Lincoln visited with home folks Sunday.

W. M. Sampson and Brack Marvil attended to business in Clinton Monday.

Frank Cartmel shipped four fine blooded horses to Chicago the past week.

Orlie Davis was in Decatur Monday on business.

Miss Marie Waldron of Atlanta, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brown yesterday.

The young people of the Presbyterian church gave a bakery sale Wednesday in Whitman's drug store. A fair amount of money was realized from the sales.

MT. ZION.

Mt. Zion, Dec. 1.—The telephone company is still at work on the new line.

The Illinois Central people have a boarding car on the switch here, which is being used for the accommodation of the section foreman and his crew.

The grain dealers still have trouble in obtaining sufficient cars to move their grain.

Street Commissioner J. W. Davis and John Walker, who were engaged in constructing new brick crossings, have been compelled to suspend work until the weather moderates.

The Mt. Zion Lumber company is at present making some improvements at their yards. The entire yard is being enclosed by a substantial wire fence.

O. M. Scott was a caller in town yesterday.

J. W. Cambe and his brother, Albert, are in Arkansas looking after their land interests there.

S. D. Smith, who recently sold his property here, is in Texas looking for a new location. He is accompanied by Mrs. Smith.

Clarence Coombe and G. C. Outten are planning to erect a new barn and will keep fine horses for sale for the spring trade.

Mrs. Pierce has returned after a month's visit with Mrs. M. F. Martin of Decatur.

Ben Sanders and wife have joined a theatrical troupe for the winter season.

The home of Tom Turpins was broken into last Tuesday some time between 10 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Among other things the thieves took a fine fur overcoat. Mr. Turpin offers a liberal reward for the return of the overcoat and for information that will lead to the apprehension of the thief.

E. A. Pierce has returned from Otterbine, Ind., where he has been for several months.

Henry Munson took dinner in Decatur Thursday.

Fred Pierce of Casner is spending a few days in Mt. Zion visiting friends and relatives.

KENNEY.

Kenney, Dec. 1.—H. C. Suttle and brother, R. F. Suttle, went to Pekin Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with their mother, which they never fail to do on that day.

Mrs. Joe Kenney of Clinton visited relatives here this week.

Mr. Maverty, the former principal of the school, is visiting old friends.

William Cantrell is visiting his son in Centralia.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weller entertained their friends on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Babb is visiting in Indiana.

Mrs. Fowler from Wichita, Kan., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Leydia Gephart.

James McKennan went to Peoria Friday.

Mrs. William Stewart visited her sister, Mrs. Gahlier in Midland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Bloomington are guests of R. F. Suttle, the latter's father.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Everston spent Thursday in Decatur.

Mrs. James Bivans and children left this week for Chicago where her husband has a position.

Mrs. Charles Kirkpatrick was in Clinton Wednesday.

Virgil Everston went to Clinton Friday.

Riley Jackson from Clinton, and sister, Miss Etta, of Decatur, are visiting their parents this week.

WALKER.

Walker, Dec. 1.—J. E. Thayer was in Moweaqua Thursday.

Mrs. C. O. Tucker and daughter of St. Elmo, are visiting R. C. Cole and wife for a few days.

Miss Ethyl Culbertson has resigned her position with the J. E. Jacobs store at this place and will attend the Willow Branch academy the balance of the year.

Fred Hennes, Oren Wright, Thomas Fortner and their families ate Thanksgiving dinner in Macon.

W. A. Morgan began working for J. C. Jacobs Friday.

Misses Mabelle Stombaugh, Hazel Culbertson and Nora Wright were in Macon Thursday.

Ed. Hill and Guy Metcalf attended the "Royal Chef" at the opera house in Decatur Thursday night.

Samuel Robb, who has been living on the J. C. Jacobs farm, will move to the Seth Carr farm Monday.

WARRENSBURG.

Warrensburg, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Charlie Cressler and daughter visited at James McCracken's Sunday.

Charlie Rau is here from Nebraska to visit relatives.

Harry Roberts is having an addition of two rooms built to his house.

J. H. Nottleman, the lumber dealer, is off on a ten days' tour in the southern states, with his brother Henning Nottleman, of Latham and others.

The Methodist ladies took in $75 at their Thanksgiving dinner and supper.

Mrs. Frank Majors and daughter Vera returned Thursday from a ten days visit with relatives in Kansas.

The dedication of the M. E. church will take place next Sunday, Dec. 3. It is expected a large crowd will be present.

Miss Caroline White came home from Carrollton to spend Thanksgiving.

MONTICELLO.

Monticello, Dec. 1.—The "Union Depot" will be given by local talent, under the auspices of the Woman's club at the opera house Friday evening, Dec. 8. Miss Margaret Rebecca McCullough, a graduate of Byron King's School of Oratory will come Saturday to drill for this entertainment.

Mrs. Julia Evans spent the past week with Mrs. L. G. McLaughlin and Mrs. Minnie Goeggle in Cerro Gordo.

Willis Peck of Decatur visited relatives over Sunday.

Joseph Woolington of Chicago came Wednesday evening to spend Thanksgiving with his family.

Holden Bros. will present "In the Shadows of the Gallows" at the opera house Friday night.

Miss Alice Drake of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. John Famuliner.

Harvey Bush returned from a short trip to Pana, Monday.

The annual Cosmos Thanksgiving ball will be held at the skating rink Thursday night.

Fern Howard was a business visitor to Cerro Gordo Tuesday.

Miss Bina Vent visited friends in Decatur Wednesday and attended the club dance that evening.

C. W. Platt returned from a business trip to Chicago Tuesday.

Dr. Frank Bales and wife entertained his sister of Dana, Ind., over Sunday.

Henry Johnson and Edward Hemphill were business visitors to Decatur Tuesday.

Miss Lois Bond is clerking for S. M. McCabe.

Mrs. Pearle McNier of Tuscola is visiting relatives and friends here.

Miss Mayme Hershberger accompanied her mother to Springfield Monday, where she later entered the hospital for an operation.

The grounds of the court house are being leveled and will soon lay the new concrete walks.

Kirby Smith has been in Chicago the past few days buying holiday goods.

S. R. Reed and wife went to Chicago Wednesday morning to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. R. D. Winship.

A. J. Woolington of Champaign was a business visitor Wednesday.

James Piper has gone to Oklahoma to spend the winter with his son, Charles, and wife.

Mrs. J. W. Gray is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Pepper, of Erie, Ill.

County Superintendent McIntosh was a business visitor to Cisco Tuesday.

Scott Williams of Decatur spent Monday with friends here.

ELECT OFFICERS.

Members of Queen Esther Circle Hold a Meeting.

The Queen Esther Circle of the First Methodist church organized with eleven members yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. W. Conklin, 507 North Franklin street. The object of the organization is to promote the missionary work in this country. The circle will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the homes of the different members. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, December 5, at the home of Miss Maude Martin on West Wood street. The officers elected yesterday are as follows:

President—Bessie Warren.

First Vice President—Susanne Imboden.

Second Vice President—Eleanor Armstrong.

Recording Secretary—Louise Shumate.

Corresponding Secretary—Sylvia Armstrong.

Treasurer—Caroline Lutz.

Mite Box Secretary—Estelle McGee.

Superintendent—Maude Martin.

Assistant Superintendent—Sarah Imboden.

WILL HOLD A FAIR.

The annual fair of the Ladies' Aid society of the First Baptist church will be held in the church Monday and Tuesday of this week. On Monday evening supper will be served at the church beginning at 5:30 o'clock. On Tuesday a turkey dinner and supper will be served. There will be fancy article on sale both days, the affair will be in charge of Mrs. H. O. Davis assisted by a large corps of ladies. The candy booth will be in charge of Mrs. Will Montgomery assisted by Miss Lillian Crea, Mrs. J. L. Deck, and Mrs. Willis will have charge of the dolls, and the aprons will be in charge of Mrs. Walter Hutchin, the other departments will be in charge of a number of other ladies.

Catcher Ira Thomas, drafted by New York from Providence, is pronounced by Manager Jack Dunn as a better man than Catcher Gibson, now with Pittsburg.

Sewing Machines In China

Recognized Superiority Of American Machines--- Object Lesson For American Manufacturers

Special Agent Burrill furnishes for this number a report on the sewing-machine trade in China. While the assurance that this trade is practically in the hands of United States manufacturers is gratifying, the information which Mr. Burrill furnishes regarding the success that has attended the push and enterprise of the company whose machines dominate China should be an encouragement and incentive to manufacturers in other lines of industry. Another important fact pointed out in the report is that manufacturers must maintain the standard of their products and make them conform in every particular to the wants as well as to the taste and desire of the Chinese. Mr. Burrill's letter follows:

The United States controls practically the entire sewing machine market in China. The bulk of the trade is in the hands of the Singer Sewing Machine company, which established a branch in Shanghai about four years ago. The "New Home," "Domestic" and "Standard" sewing machines, all of American manufacture, are also represented in this market through commission houses, but their sales are limited, which may be attributed more to a lack of effort to properly introduce them than to inferiority to other makes in style, finish, durability, or work turned out.

In central and northern China a few German sewing machines are imported through commission houses, but although their prices are from 3 to 50 per cent lower than those of the American machine, customs returns indicate that their sales constitute not over one-tenth of the business transacted. A determined effort has recently been made to introduce machines of Japanese manufacture but with poor success, and it is apparent that machines made in Japan are regarded by the Chinese much the same as are the German machines, in that, although the initial cost be less than that of the American machine they are more expensive and less satisfactory in the end, because of cheap construction and poor workmanship. One illustration of the methods employed by the Japanese to introduce sewing machines of their manufacture may be of interest. During the American boycott, circulars were issued and distributed broadcast in Hankau (the Chicago of China) urging the Chinese not only to discontinue the purchase of American machines, but to substitute those of Japanese make for the machines then in use. The effort was a failure, but it indicated to even the most casual observer that if an attempt to dislodge the American sewing machine at the time when the movement against goods manufactured in the United States was at its height was unsuccessful, the American machines are firmly established and are in the market to stay.

Example for American Manufacturers

The business of the Singer Sewing Machine company has made enormous strides in the past three years. In 1902 this company had not a single machine on lease to the Chinese. At the present time they operate 50 depots throughout the empire, of which 47 are under native supervision, and they have approximately 3,000 machines out on lease. They estimate their annual sales at about 5,000 machines, 50 per cent of wich are sold on a cash basis, the remaining 50 per cent being leased out or sold on the installment plan. Their business has trebled in three years, and the Singer Sewing Machine company representatives in central and northern China are confident that an increase fully as great if not greater will be shown in the sales for 1906, 1907 and 1908. In this connection it must be borne in mind that several of the provinces in the empire are as yet untouched in this particular line of commercial endeavor, but the results already obtained are regarded as indicative of what may be accomplished when the field shall be extended. The business of this company, the Standard Oil company, and the British American Tobacco company (limited) shows what can be accomplished in China by organization, the liberal expenditure of money for the extension of trade in the interior by advancing commercial outposts into hitherto unexplored territory, and extended, though careful, use of Chinese newspapers for advertising purposes.

Representatives of the Singer Sewing Machine company estimate that in another three years their company will have established 200 depots throughout China, and that 4 machines a month may be accepted as a fair average sale for every new town opened up. If these plans be carried out and the same energy is employed in the disposition of the product, it is safe to assume that the output in China of this company alone will then approximate 800 machines a month. While this increase may be regarded as assured, there are no indications anywhere in central or northern China that the sewing machines manufactured in any other country will cut into the American business to any appreciable extent. It is equally safe to assume that no one business enterprise, be it American, British, German, French or Japanese, can monopolize the Chinese market, provided the goods sent here to compete with those already established in the introduction of commodities that blazed the way to native consumption.

Old-Time Prejudice.

Sewing machines have been adopted principally by tailors and shoemakers, and it is worthy of note that there is no family trade. The reason for this is shown apparently in the disinclination of the wealthier Chinese, who can afford to purchase them, to permit their wives or daughters to make use of machines for the purposes intended. In these households machines are regarded more as a toy than as a serviceable article, and the question now is whether it will be possible for American business methods to overcome the prejudices of centuries and obtain finally a foothold for their wares in the home circle. It seems an almost novations have been brought about which at first appeared almost if not impossible undertaking, but other inquite as difficult, and if the wealthier class of natives can be educated along these lines a practically inexhaustible market may be opened up.

An effort is to be made in the near future to dispose of sewing machines to the Chinese government. Under edicts recently issued the military have adopted a uniform half foreign and half native, and it is believed that still further concessions to comfort and utility will be made which will cause the army gradually to accustom itself to the foreign style of dress in its entirety. In order economically and expeditiously to manufacture these proposed new uniforms, representatives of the American companies believe that sewing machines will be introduced and that their work will be so satisfactory that large orders will result. Another use now made of the sewing machines is for the manufacture of a cheap leather shoe, which is gradually becoming popular among the natives. With a machine the Chinese shoemaker can do the work far easier and in considerably less time than by hand, and an increase in the demand for this purpose is confidently predicted. It is roughly estimated that the sales of the embroidery attachment, which has attained a marked degree of popularity among the Chinese, have reached 5,000 in the last three years, and as their usefulness is demonstrated in the interior, where they are being introduced as rapidly as possible, it is reasonable to assume that a constantly growing market will result.

Superiority of American Machines.

While the retail price of the American sewing machine is from 25 to 40 per cent more than that of the German make on this market, the Chinese evidently recognize the superiority of the former, for they are willing to pay the difference in order to secure more satisfactory and durable article. This condition is, however, largely the result of American educational methods as applied to business, for when the Singer Sewing Machine company first introduced their machines in China the natives would buy only the cheaper grades. Gradually they have been worked up to the idea that it is economy to purchase the more expensive machine, so that now the treadle or foot machine is being substituted for the cheaper hand machine and is giving excellent satisfaction. Attached hereto is a price list of the Singer Sewing Machine company, but within a few months, in order to increase business among the natives, whose purchasing power must be taken into consideration, it is the intention to make a material reduction in the price of machines of all grades. In connection with the plan of lowering prices and still commanding a fair margin of profit, it is interesting to note that the Singer Sewing Machine company, by reason of its most efficient organization and business methods, maintain their Shanghai branch at an expense of approximately 45 to 50 per cent per machine. In the outputs and interior depots a smaller average is shown, depending of course on the amount of sales.

The three principal branches of the Singer Sewing Machine company in China are at Shanghai, Tientsin and Hongkong, and shipments are made direct to these points from the factories of the company. There is no appreciable difference in the freight rates from New York via Suez and from German ports. The overland rate is, however, practically double that of the rate of direct shipment from New York via Suez, and is consequently rarely used except in cases of emergency. It is estimated that the average cost of freight and handling a sewing machine from New York to Shanghai is $1.50 gold. The representatives of the company have made an arrangement with the customs authorities whereby a fixed average valuation for foot and hand machines has been adopted, and on this valuation a duty of 5 per cent is collected. The foregoing facts and figures regarding the Singer Sewing Machine company are given because that company so dominates the trade in China as to give them a fixed value of accuracy and reliability.

The method of packing sewing machines varies but little, and because of long experience is probably the best that could be devised. In this particular, machines differ from practically every other commodity exported from the United States to China. As a rule, machines are packed one to a case and in parts. The heads are wrapped securely in water proof paper, and the whole is packed closely in straw. The heavier machines are packed in two cases, the head in one and the stand in the other. This method of packing singly facilitates examination by customs officials when goods are transshipped, and obviates the necessity of unpacking and repacking when an order for one machine is received from the interior. This it is desirable to avoid, for it necessitate a repacking permit from the customs, involving delay, trouble and expense. The facilities for shipping to outports by steamer from Shanghai are excellent, but the only modes of transportation to the interior remote from the river steamers are the wheelbarrow, the carrying cooly and the junk. These are all comparatively inexpensive, but slow and uncertain, and unless great care be exercised the article in transit may be damaged to a greater or less extent.

A Permanent Foothold.

That the sewing machine industry has obtained a permanent foothold in China is certain and that the demand will steadily incresae seems to be equally well assured. Machines manufactured in the United States though more expensive easily dominate the market, and this is due to the superiority of the article produced and the introduction of wide-awake American business methods in pushing its sale. This explanation contains a valuable lesson for the American manufacturer who desires to dispose of his goods in the Chinese market. Great Britain, Germany, France and Japan are strongly intrenched in their various lines, constantly erecting additional commercial safeguards, and indifferent, half-hearted measures will not avail against them. The Chinaman is a shrewd trader and keenly appreciative of the quality of the goods from which he makes his selection. Because of this he leans toward the American products, but the manufacturer of the United States must not for an instant lose sight of the fact that he must give the Chinaman the goods he wants put up in strict accordance with Chinese custom, or fashion, or prejudice—however it may be styled—and at a price that he can afford to pay. With this as a foundation a competent American salesman, exercising the push and energy inseperable from live business emthods in the United States, can establish and maintain a market, and it would then require only honorable dealing and the delivery of cargoes fully up to the standard of the sample to steadily increase it.

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FOOT IS MASHED

Mat McGee of Niantic Meets With Bad Accident.

Mat McGee, who works in the coal mine at Niantic, is at St. Mary's hospital suffering from a badly mashed foot. A large lump of coal fell on him while at work yesterday morning, badly crushing his ankle and foot. He was brought in on the 11 o'clock interurban and was met at the car by Moran's ambulance and taken to the hospital. It will be several weeks before he is able to return to his work.

CREW IS SAVED.

The Derilict Schooner Olga Goes Ashore.

Doderich, Ont., Dec. 3.—The derilict schooner Olga, which has been floating around Lake Huron without a crew since the big storm, went ashore three miles above this place during a heavy snow storm last night. The crew left in a yawl boat when the Olga broke away from the steamer Meyer on the west side of the lake. The crew later was picked up by the Meyer and steamer Maunaloa. The schooner rests on sandy bottom, broadside to the shore and can be easily released if the weather remains favorable.

TWO NEW CASES.

Vavana, Dec. 3.—Two new cases of yellow fever were reported today. The victims are Spaniards.

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Tuesday, December ...

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Johns Goes to Coles ... and Craig Com... Here.

TO EXCHANGE J...

Visiting Jurist Is a ... Able Man.

Judge Johns of Decatur ... Craig of Coles county will ... benches Jan. 22. There are ... this county in which Ju... was interested previous to ... and it is necessary to call ... judge.

No better selection could ... than Judge Craig. He is ... and has had much experie... bench and is regarded as ... best judges in this part o... Doubtless the attorneys of ... county bar will be pleased ... Craig has been asked to t... judge's place during t... of the latter.

Compliments John...

Regarding Judge Johns ... in Coles county the Mattoo... Gazette has the following ...

"The January term of ... court of Coles county wi... Charleston Monday, Janua... J. W. Craig presiding.

"On January 22 Judge W... of Decatur will take cha... court and will preside ... week in place of Judge ... will go to Decatur to ... Johns' place on the bench ... county circuit court.

Judge Johns, who is on ... bench of the district Ju... this, is said to be a very ... and stands high in the e... the attorneys throughout ... He is one of the leading ... of Macon county."

WALKS THOUGH D...

Injured Man Trudges Ma... Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 3.—W... ... nearly off ... years old, trudged many ... alone in this city ... unconscious to the city ... water solution was ... his life. The man was ... the accident occurred ... of blood along the trail ... where he walked.

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...selection could be made ...Craig. He is an old jurist ...d much experience on the ...is regarded as one of the ...es in this part of the state ...e attorneys of the Macon ...ar will be pleased that Judge ...been asked to take the lo... ...place during the absence ...

Compliments Johns.

...g Judge Johns presiding ...ently the Mattoon Journal- ...s the following to say: January term of the circuit Coles county will begin in Monday, January 8, Judge ...ng presiding. ...nary 22 Judge W. C. Johns ...e will take charge of the ...will preside during that ...ance of Judge Craig, who ...to Decatur to take Judge ...on the bench of the Ma... ...y circuit court. ...Johns, who is on the circuit ...the district just north of ...said to be a very able official ...is high in the estimation of ...ys throughout his district ...one of the leading republicans ...county."

WALKS THOUGH DYING.

Injured Man Trudges Many Miles In Nebraska.

...on, Neb., Dec. 3. With ...s a n ...ully off August Schultz, 40 ...21, trudged many miles to his ...this city and was removed ...ce to the city hospital. Salt ...ation was injected to save ... The man was hunting when ...ent occurred. He left a trail ...along the railroad tracks ...walked.

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COLDEST THIS WINTER

Temperature Sunday Fell as Low as Eight Degrees Below Zero.

DID NOT OBJECT.

Yesterday was by far the coldest day this fall, but it was a dry cold and not nearly so disagreeable as some days within the past few weeks. It was not sufficiently cold to keep people from attending church services, as all of the pastors report good congregations. It was freezing all day long and if it keeps up half a week the ice dealers would begin getting out their paraphernalia preparatory to beginning their annual harvest. The warmest during the day was 20 degrees above, and the coldest was 8 above.

Traffic Good.

Despite the disagreeably cold weather, traffic was good on the interurban both west and north yesterday. It would seem that on a day such as yesterday people would be content to remain by the fireside, but from the amount of travel it would indicate that they put in the greater part of the day visiting friends in the country, or that people from the country put in the day visiting friends in the city.

OPERATION IS NECESSARY

Rube Whittaker the Desperate Man In Jail Has Bad Foot.

HE SUFFERS MUCH.

Rube Whittaker, the man who was shot by Officer Muthersbaugh last Tuesday evening while making his escape, suffered a great deal yesterday from his foot, more than at any time yet. It is impossible for him to get sufficient rest on account of the acute pain and he spends most of his time hobbling about on crutches. Yesterday morning Drs. Balm Miller and M. P. Parrish examined the foot and decided that an operation must be performed. It will be done this morning in the operating room of the jail annex.

The doctors, after their examination yesterday were convinced that the bullet is near the top of the foot and had ranged down toward the toes. The foot is so swollen and inflamed that it was impossible to make very much of an examination. It is probable that an X-ray examination will have to be made of the foot now before they can locate the bullet.

ARRIVE IN ENGLAND.

Dover, England, Dec. 3. Lord Curzon Keddleston the former viceroy to India, arrived here today.

LENT TO BEGIN EARLY THIS YEAR

New Almanacs Out Show That Feb. 28 Starts the Fasting Season.

ECLIPSES OF THE YEAR

Three of the Sun and Five of the Moon.

Almanacs and calendars are beginning to appear for 1906 and they show some facts which may be well to remember. This year the almanacs are being gotten out on a more elaborate scale than usual.

According to the almanacs the year 1906 comprises the latter part of the 130th and the beginning of the 131st year of American independence, and corresponds to: The year 6619 of the Julian Period, the year 5666-5667 of the Jewish Era (the year 5667 begins at sunset on September 19), the year 2659 since the foundation of Rome, according to Varro; the year 2566 of the Japanese Era, and to the 39th year of the period entitled "Meiji"; the year 1321 of the Mohammedan Era, or the era of the Hegira, begins on the 25th day of February, 1906. The first day of January, 1906, is the 2,417,212th day since the commencement of the Julian Period.

Morning and Evening Stars.

The planet Venus begins as morning star and continues as such until February 11, after which date she is evening star until November 30, and the morning star the rest of the year.

The planet Mars will be evening star until July 15, and then morning star the balance of the year.

The planet Jupiter is evening star till June 10, after which date he is morning star to December 28 and then evening star the balance of the year.

The planet Saturn begins as evening star and continues as such until February 21, after which date it is morning star until September 5, and then evening star to the end of the year.

Eclipses for 1906.

In the year 1905 there will be five eclipses, three of the sun and two of the moon:

1. A total eclipse of the moon, February 8-9, visible here; the beginning visible generally in North and South America and the western part of Africa and Europe, the ending visible generally in North America, western and central South America, the eastern portions of Austria and the extreme northeast of Asia.

2. A partial eclipse of the sun February 23, not visible here, but visible to the regions around the south pole.

3. A partial eclipse of the sun July 21, invisible here.

4. A total eclipse of the moon August 4; not visible in eastern part of United States, but the beginning visible in western portions of our country, just before sunrise.

5. A partial eclipse of the sun August 19; invisible here, but visible to Alaska northern Greenland and a large area around the north pole.

Church Days for 1906.

The season of lent will occur unusually early in the year 1905. It begins on February 28, and ends on April 15 too early for the ladies to do much with the Easter bonnet. Following the dates of church days for the year 1906:

Epiphany	Jan. 6
Septuagesima Sunday	Feb. 11
Sexagesima Sunday	Feb. 18
Quinquagesima Sunday	Feb. 25
Shrove Tuesday	Feb. 27
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 28
Quadragesima Sunday	March 4
Palm Sunday	April 8
Good Friday	April 13
Easter Sunday	April 15
Low Sunday	April 22
Rogation Sunday	May 20
Ascension Day	May 24
Whit Sunday	June 3
Trinity Sunday	June 10
Corpus Christi	June 14
Advent Sunday	Dec. 2
Christmas Day	Dec. 25

New Year's day, 1906, comes on Monday; Valentine's day on Wednesday; Washington's birthday on Thursday; Memorial day on Wednesday; Independence day on Wednesday; Labor day on Monday, September 3, Hallowe'en on Wednesday, October 31. Thanksgiving day on November 29, and Christmas day on Tuesday.

HOME CIRCLE PLAY.

Manager Looking for Local Talent to Take Part.

L. Dayton, who has been looking around for several days for local talent with which to put on the play entitled "The Country Kid" for the American Home Circle entertainment, which will be the 17th of January, has succeeded in finding characters, with the exception of one, which is undecided. The different people and their parts are as follows:

John Seabury as Blandon, the villian; Will Morton as Bill Taylor, the tramp; L. Dayton as Zebe Cunningham the old farmer; Notie Horton as Reuben Thacker, the country kid; L. Dice as Jim Jones, the tough; Mrs. Burchard as Marla Cunningham, the old woman; Miss Gertie Carter as Mary Blandon Juvenile; Miss Grace Leyman as Chic, the soubrette; the character for Tom Cunningham, the juvenile, has not been decided on. This play will be put on in three acts. Act I. a country home; Act II. Frank Blandon's city home; Act III. exterior of old powder mill. The rehearsals for this play will begin Monday evening and continue until the middle of January.

EXPLODING BOMB KILLS RUSSIANS

Officers Find Plotters at Work at Geneva, Switzerland.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 3.—A number of Russians were severely wounded by an explosion here today while preparing bombs in a private residence. An investigation by the authorities led to the discovery of a number of explosives, fraudulent passports and a secret printing press. Two of the men wounded in the explosion were taken to the hospital, but the others succeeded in evading arrest.

DON'T DESPISE MUD HEN

Sportsmen Learn They Afford Both Good Eating and Shooting.

IS A GRAIN FED BIRD.

It is a fashion among sportsmen to decry the great American coot, miscalled a mud hen. It does not feed on mud, does not like mud, and will not live in mud if it can get any other sort of dampness to live in.

It is a grain feeding bird, fond of wild rice, will eat duck grass and such things, and prefers just such food as the mallard loves. It is good eating when properly prepared and good shooting.

It is not uncommon to see a man who has talked a good deal about the slowness of the mud hen get into a boat, go out on a lake and flush and miss a dozen of them. The fact is the big coot has an appearance of awkwardness in flight and it takes up some time in getting off the water, but it is always going a good deal faster than it seems to be going and speeding down wind it is at least as hard to center and stop as many of the ducks —sawbills, for instance, or spoonbills, or gadwells.

It is hard to account for the prejudice against the mud hen. It has a fishy flavor when scarcity of other food compels it to feed upon minnows and chubs, but so have other ducks in similar straits.

When making its way down from the north, using woods lakes for stopping places and winding down with the big rivers, it lives on wild rice almost wholly, and it has a delicate and delicious flavor. There is always a chance that a mud hen has been feeding upon fish, because there is always a chance that it has been on short commons somewhere, so it is better to skin it as a matter of precaution, but it is easier to skin any kind of duck than to pick it, and the skinning does not injure its table qualities.

If a man can get out of himself the contempt for mud hens which other gunners have talked into him he can have considerable sport with them. Satisfaction in shooting is based largely upon our valuation of the game. Intrinsically, the mud hen is well worth while, and it offers enough difficulty to the wing shot to make a good bag evidence that hard and close work has been done with the double barrel.

Mud hens are easy when they first make their appearance, because the young birds have not been shot at and they are not shy. Getting up within twenty yards of the boat they are knocked down by a good shot with few misses.

Two weeks later, however, they have learned to keep out of man's way. They flush from forty to fifty yards away and the shooter will need a strong gun to get them.

They cannot be stopped then with any of the smaller sizes of shot; No. 5 has about the proper heft. If the gunner gets one in three he will be doing well enough; and he will know at the end of the day that he has been at work.

In preparing mud hens for the table they should be skinned and the legs cut off and thrown away. Only the breast and back should be served. They may be cooked in any of the customary ways of preparing ducks and will be good. Some people parboil them, but this is not necessary and detracts from their flavor.

They should be hung for a day or two after they are dressed, but so should any other wild fowl. No man should stay at home because there is only mud hen shooting to be obtained.—New York Sun.

S. S. JACK HAS LANDED

Had a Stormy Voyage On His Return From European Trip.

RETURN HOME SOON.

Attorney T. B. Jack received a telegram yesterday from his father, S. S. Jack, stating that the latter had arrived in New York on the steamer St. Louis. Mr. Jack and son, Dr. Cecil Jack, have been traveling through southern Europe for the past three months. The telegram stated that Mr. Jack had experienced a stormy voyage. He expects to arrive in Decatur December 12. Dr. Jack remained in London and expects to stay there about a year before returning to Decatur. Mr. Jack left him there November 25.

MANY SHARES IN THIS LAW SUIT

Barbers Spend $300 and Still Contend $200 for Shop.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 3.—With as much red tape as if a fortune were involved, John McBride began proceedings for the appointment of a receiver for the barbering business at Catasauqua in which he and William Roxberry are partners.

The stock and fixtures are valued at $200, according to McBride's statements. The partners disagreed upon the question of politics in the recent campaign, and as neither would buy out the interests of the other, McBride asked for a receiver.

McBride claims as his personal property a kit of razors, shears, one comb and a chair. The partners have already spent more than $300 in litigation, and Judge Drexler held the matter under advisement.

Song of Summer.

It takes an extremely cold day to freeze out the members of the Iroquois club. Yesterday afternoon about a dozen of them gathered around the piano for song service. After getting their voices to harmonize they threw open the front window and treated the people standing outside the transfer house to a serenade. One of their numbers was anything but appropriate to the season of the year. "In the Good Old Summer Time." The boys seemed to enjoy it as much as the listeners and even the chilly zephyrs that were wafted in through the open window were not of sufficient force in degree of temperature to interfere with their song service.

CHARLES BELL TRIES SUICIDE

Convict From Chester Attempts to Hang Himself at County Jail

"I want to die because I have been in the penitentiary sixteen months and have no friends on earth."

This was the cry of Charles Bell, a convict, after he had been rescued from death at the county jail. He tried to commit suicide by hanging himself in his cell, but the prisoners interfered.

Bell belongs at the Chester penitentiary. He went there from Danville on a charge of embezzlement. He was brought to Decatur to testify in the Brom case and will be taken back in a few days.

Bell did not let Jailer Marquis know that he intended anything of the kind. He seemed cheerful enough when the jail was closed for the night, but from a letter he wrote to one of the women prisoners it is evident he had planned suicide.

Found By Prisoner.

The first that was known of any trouble was when the prisoner rattled the bars and called to the turnkey. Marquis hurried into the jail to find that Bell was trying to kill himself.

The prisoner had torn a blanket and braided it into a rope. He made a noose and fastened it to an iron bar in one corner of the cell, which serves as a brace. He stood on a mattress which he had doubled under his feet and then kicked the mattress from under him. The noose worked well and Bell would have been dead had not his rope broke. He fell to the floor. When the cell door was opened the man appeared to be unconscious but was revived and removed to the padded cell where he could not injure himself. He had a welt on his neck where the improvised rope had tightened.

Wanted To Die.

"Why should I want to live," he cried. "I have no friends and it is enough to make a man want to die after he has stayed as a slave in that penitentiary for sixteen months. I must go back there and even if I was out, there is no one to care for me.

"Never mind I will succeed yet in killing myself and if I cannot do it here I will when I get back to the penitentiary."

Loved a Woman.

For a time Bell was in a part of the jail under the women's department. He talked with one of the women through a pipe and it seems that they became attached to each other. From the note the man wrote to the woman it seems that she had turned him down. This discouraged Bell and his letter to the woman is pitiful. He stated that he would wait until the turnkey was gone for the night and then kill himself.

"I am alone," he wrote, "in the world without a friend and am tired of life but you must remember that I loved you with all the love a man could give." Bell went on in the letter to express his love and the hope that the woman would be happy with some other man.

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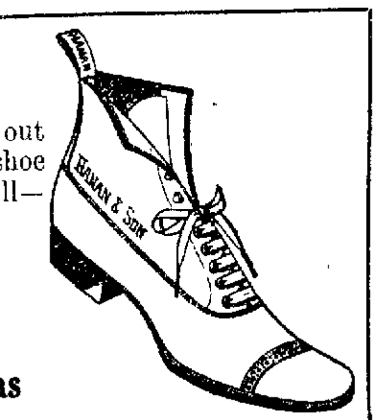

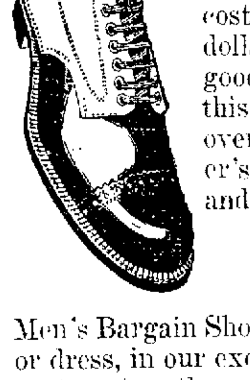

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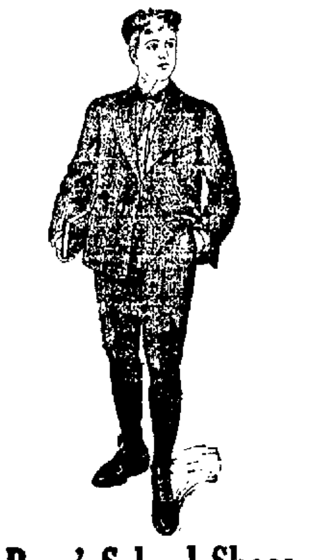

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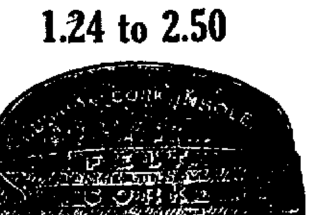

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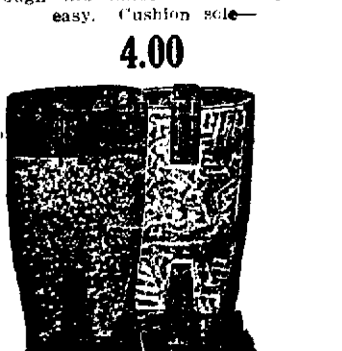

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So far no one has undertaken to excuse Dough-ty. The reason is obvious. There is no excuse for him.

The Sioux City, Ia., man who with only $50 capital went into the restaurant business three years ago and now retires with a fortune of $12,000 after trusting customers indiscriminately and feeling those who were unable to pay must be a great financier as well as a hash philanthropist.

The epidemic of diseased eye among the people of Chicago, has been traced so the scientists tell us, to smal particles of iron and steel dust liberated by pneumatic drills and riveters and carried through the air and deposited in the eyes of man and beast. One might suppose that the magnetic qualities of the mayor would attract and hold all such particles.

We are told that there has been a meeting in Chicago of the heads of messes to discuss the senatorial situation and that it was agreed that nothing should be done until Jan. 1. This relates to those who are alleged to be for some one at present unknown, as against Senator Cullom. We have had so much Chicago information on the subject in the last six months that the rural "deestricts" scarcely know where they "are at" and therefore have decided it discreet to line up for Senator Cullom pretty generally.

The grafter is having trouble everywhere. Recently an alderman in Milwaukee put through the council a measure giving a coal firm a much needed sale back. The company gave him 3 tons of coal as a token of their appreciation. He is indicted for graft and has just paid $671 to keep out of the work house. Another alderman was fined $1,000 for offering a bribe of $1,500 in connection with a contract. Senator Burton, of Kansas, has been found guilty for a second time for graft in connection with a get-rich-quick scheme. Dougherty has just landed in the penitentiary for wholesale embezzlement and there are still more to follow. Surely the grafter, as well as other lawbreakers, are piling up wrath against the day of wrath.

Who are the six young men arrested and now in jail for robbing stores, residences and individuals? They are young men who had the opportunity to choose between lives of recklessness and dishonesty and lives of industry, honor and rectitude. They have refused the good counsel of parents and friends and have drifted into the ranks of criminals. They voluntarily sought the ways of the outlaw and became outlaws themselves. They called themselves a "gang." They were prompted to assume this distinction as a matter of pride. They were exalted in their own estimation when they accomplished a robbery. But at last the law has laid its iron hand upon them and they must answer to the commonwealth. Who will not say, that it is easier to lead an honest upright life than a life of sin and crime. Then why do some young men of ordinary good sense prefer the life that brings sorrow and punishment?

TAXING MORTGAGES.

The supreme court of New York has sustained the validity of the mortgage tax law.

Comptroller Grout says that estates and trustees whose funds sought investment in New York City bonds, when the regular tax rate of 1.51 applied to all forms of credit except city, state and government bonds, now invest in real estate mortgages, because the latter have been exempted from all but a registry tax of one-quarter of one per cent.

Discussing the efects of the law, the New York World says:

"As one result of the mortgage tax law the rate of interest on mortgages is less than if the law had not been passed. The great increase in building would not have been possible without additional capital, and the supply of available capital was greatly added to by the very cause Comptroller Grout says.

"The World predicted that the reduction in mortgage taxation would benefit borowers as well as tend to equalize the burdens of taxation. That prediction is already confirmed."

In the course of his campaign for reelection, Mayor McClellan attacked the law,—which was enacted by a republican legislature—because, as he said, the lender imposed the burden of the registry tax on the borrower, thus shifting it from himself, where the tax would repose.

If, however, the decline in the rate of interest consequent upon the enactment of the law is more than the registry tax,—and such seems to be the case,—even if he is compelled to pay the tax, still does the borrower profit.

The abundance of money has served to lower interest, a fact which the World may or may not have given proper weight in bestowing credit upon the new law.

You might just as well begin worrying about those C—s I—s.

LET'S HAVE A BOOK DAY.

These are days of reform. We all discuss it and some of us hug ourselves with the satisfaction that we are not as bad as other men forgetting that it is the little foxes that eat the tender vines—the little sins are more dangerous than great ones we read about. How many people there are who condemn the grafters and boodlers and piously return thanks because they are not bad like some other men and women, who have borrowed books and have never returned them. We have just passed a day of thankfulness and never once thought of the borrowed books. Why might it not be a good thing to have a book day when every one having a borrowed book would return it. We have Labor Day when people abstain from work. We have other stated days which are honored by celebrations. Now, in accordance with our profesed honesty we should have a day known as Borrower's Day when people shall return what they have borrowed. Perhaps it might be well to have a bill introduced in the next legislature making Borrower's Day a legal holiday. But as there are already too many legal holidays, it might be better that Borrower's Day be fixed on the first day of the year. That would conform to a Chinese custom. The Chinese on their New Year Day square up all accounts and in their own kingdom the Chinaman who does not settle his accounts on the Chinese New Year Day is considered a defaulter, and his credit is gone. He is on the blacklist.

Everybody who has books, and who is known to have books of interst, is subject to the demands of the book-borrower. A good book-buyer and reader naturally wants his friend to read a good book, and so when he gets a good book he naturally calls his friend's attention to it. Usually the friend borows the book, but he often—very often forgets to return it.

Now reader, you see the point. How many books have you at home that you have borrowed and have never returned? This has nothing to do with the umbrella question—just books. Look over your library. Pick out the borrowed books and seek the owner on January 1st and make your benefactor happy.

WIFE WAS INDIGNANT.

Illinois State Register. E. C. Beatty is a business man in Marion, Ind. There was a masquerade on the tapis and Mr. Beatty loaned his best trousers to a lady friend so that she might appear in an up to date costume as a dude in the ball. Mrs. Beatty was not taken into her husband's confidence, but she missed the pants and suspected where they had gone. She went to the party and found her husband's trousers covering the graceful form of a pretty young woman. She tore the mask from the face of her rival, scratched her face, pulled her hair, and demanded the instant surrender of the trousers. The young lady repaired to a dressing room and restored the garments. Then Mrs. Beatty went home and shook them in the face of her liege lord and asked him what he meant. He hasn't got through explaining yet.

HOME GOLD PRODUCTION.

The treasury department at Washington in its estimate of the gold production of the United States shows that the amount of new gold placed in the channels of trade in the last two years is quite large. The geological survey, in its report for 1904, gives the figures at $80,835,648 which is an increase of over $7,000,000 over the preceding year and is greater than the production of any year since 1892. During the period from 1892 to 1904, on account of the silver boom and the silver craze less attention was given to the production of gold and the relapse amounted to considerable but this has all been changed. Neveda, the silver state after the defeat of silver turned its attention to gold and many new leads were discovered and worked successfully producing large quantities and promising greater production in the future. Colorado, California and Nevada hold the honor of being at the head of the list in gold production. Alaska and Arizona also promise to increase production. The United States still ranks high as a gold producer and will continue, for an indefinite time, to be a great factor in producing the world's gold.

TERRIBLE.

Some Washington correspondents who have commented on the retention of Secretary Shaw in the cabinet say that in spite of this fact, it is known that the president and the secretary of the treasury do not agree in all things.

Isn't that a terrible state of affairs? It is horrible to think that the two men should not think alike on all questions. Perhaps, one likes potatoes French fried and the other German fried. One may think that a temperature of 65 is enough for a living room and the other may want his room heated up to 70 degrees. Isn't it dreadful to think that the two men should have divergences of that kind.

But in all seriousness, it is probably true that the president admires Leslie M. Shaw all the more because he is not of the lick-spittle kind. The secretary of the treasury can do his own thinking. It is not necessary for him to let even the president do his thinking, or any part of it. It is a barbarous and degenerate idea that every man in public life must be measured nowadays by Theodore Roosevelt and condemned if he does not agree exactly with him.

No man ought to agree with the president except on such things as he believes the president is right. And even the president may not be right on all questions.

WHO ARE AMERICANS.

Among the noteworthy Thanksgiving addresses on Thursday was that delivered by Ambassador Reid in London, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. Sir Edward Clark, in a speech on Thanksgiving day last year, criticised the people of the United States for assuming the title American, to which he insisted that all the inhabitants of the continent had equal claim. He assumed that this generation was responsible for this because the title of the Ambassador from the United States had been recently changed to American ambassador.

Mr. Reid, in defending his right to the title American ambassador, and in defending this generation of Americans against the charge of assuming too much in adopting the name American, showed that Englishmen of three centuries ago gave the name American to the people of the colonies. Burke, in one of his famous speeches, said: "It has been said in the debate that when the first American revenue act (1764) passed, the Americans did not object to the principle." Chatham and Fox uniformly spoke of the colonists as Americans.

All this is true, but Mr. Reid might have gone further and have said that from the time of Chatham and Burke to the present, English statesmen have referred to the people of the United States as Americans. Beaconsfield, Gladstone, and Salisbury all used the term American in its application to the people of this country. Dickens and Spencer used the term in the same way. Its use was as common fifty years ago in Europe as in the United States.

By common consent of the world, the adjective American was applied to the United States. The American fleet in Manila bay was the United States fleet. The American army in Cuba or China or in the Philippines was the army of the United States. The American flag always means the flag of the United States, and nobody ever spoke of the Mexican or Colombian or Ecuadorean or Venezuelan flag as American.

The verb to Americanize, in common use in Great Britain and continental Europe, means to adopt the governmental principles or business methods of the United States, not of Canada or Mexico. By universal usage the Americans of this day are the people of the United States, while the people of Canada, by their own choice and usage, are Canadians, and the people of Mexico are Mexicans.

As the name American was assumed by, or was given to, the people of the English (American) colonies in the seventeenth century, as it has come to mean in diplomacy, history, politics, and literature only one people, to characterize the institutions of only one country, as Englishmen themselves use the word American only in its application to the United States, there was good reason for the order of the state department changing the title United States minister or ambassador to American. This was assuming nothing, but was simply conforming to the usage of the world.

Grover Cleveland tells the simple truth when he says: "It is not among the Jews that dangerous discontent and violent demonstrations against peace and order are hatched and fostered." The Russian government might learn from our experience that it is safe and that it pays to give Jews equal rights with other men. And we may ourselves learn that it pays to give equal rights to every class or race among us, even the negro race.

FOOTBALL.

Foot ball is a game that appeals to the American public. There are two essential reasons for this. The first is that it takes grit to play it and the average American likes grit. The second is that as understood by the well informed fan it requires a certain kind of science. It calls for quick wits that will take advantage of any slip by the opposing side. Therefore the two qualities that make up the game are an active mind and a willing body. Both of these are commendable and it is upon them that the American character are largely built. Two foot ball teams arrayed against each other are as two opposing armies. It is not always the beef that wins. Many times it is the lighter eleven which has been drilled and know their lesson and respond quickly to the captain who sees and takes advantage of the weakness of the other side. As far as this goes it is a great game and like all games of skill and endurance it calls for a certain amount of risk to the participants. An occasional broken arm or a collar bone is not such a serious matter as to call for the stamping out of the game. But there is another side to it. There is unquestioned brutality on the part of the players. That eighteen lives should be sacrificed in one brief season of three months, and 159 persons injured, is more than the average American wants. The entire game is not worth one life of a young man just starting on his career.

It is not the abandonment of the game of football that the public wants. It is a reformation that will make each player strictly American—one who would suffer a loss of victory rather than intentionally inflict injury on an equally game opponent. That there is intentional brutality there is no doubt and it is this feature that will finally be eliminated.

There is just one way for the high priced coaches of the American colleges and the advocates to prevent the law placing a ban upon the game and that is for them to reform the rules. If they don't the law will interfere to protect those who made the victims of the un-American brutality that now marks the game. It is unfortunate that the conference of the Big Nine colleges of the west refused to take cognizance of these conditions at their meeting in Chicago Friday. If the representatives of these colleges imagine that the growing sentiment against the game will blow over before another season they are mistaken for the sentiment has not only grown but has reached its fruition. The appalling record of this season has brought the people to a realization of the fact that something must be done to prevent a lusty, healthy sport develop into a ruthless slaughter of young men and boys.

If the colleges do not act the law makers will.

When Turkey gets into serious trouble sensation-mongers always have an opportunity to revive the time worn story that the sultan is about to proclaim a holy war and rouse the Moslem world. Now the cry is being raised again. It was never less impressive to those who take sober survey of conditions. Abdul Hamid has been in many tighter places than the one in which he finds himself now. His capital was at the mercy of Russian armies before he had reigned two years. He was obliged to stop his victorious troops when they had crushed the Greeks in a brief and easy campaign. The island of Crete has been virtually wrenched from Turkey. A liberal slice of territory south of the Balkans was handed over to Bulgaria early in the sultan's reign. All these losses and crises he suffered to pass without an appeal to Mostem fanaticism.

A number of young ladies and some matrons have braved public opinion by appearing on horseback a la clothespin. It looks a little queer and some may think immodest, but we can't see any immodesty in riding a horse in the safest and what appears most natural manner. Horseback riding is decidedly a healthful exercise and with all due respect to the opinions of those who prefer the side saddle we think the new way the most healthful and less dangerous. The street guys will "rubber" for a time. Let them. If you prefer to ride with both 1-1-lower extremities (pardon our stuttering) on one side, ride that way; the boys will "rubber" just the same, for every man likes to see a graceful lady rider, and that is what you will become with practice riding in either position.

The presence here of a British squadron under the command of one whose inherited dignities are accounted by him as less than his rank in the service of his country has created a spirit of good fellowship and mutual esteem that has had its effect on almost every class in the community. The prince bore cordial testimony to the warmth of his reception, and as the official representative of his country expressed a hope that an occasion might arise to provide a return of hospitalities. The suggestion should not be wasted. We have built some ships of late years that could be exhibited with pardonable pride in English waters, where choice specimens of naval architecture are by no means uncommon.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Luther Laflin Mills has just returned from Europe and tells his friends that all over the country Roosevelt is regarded as a hero. It was hardly necessary for Mr. Mills to go abroad to find that out.

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The railroad brotherhoods are not afraid that rate legislation will result in a decrease in their wages but just the same they are standing by the railroads. It is not safe to take any chances on the proposition.

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Football is dead for another year. Newt Foster and all the baseball fans shout in chorus, "Who keers."

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It is announced that Bank Cashier Gwin of Hayti, Mo., who embezzled funds, shows nerve. Bank cashiers have had a habit of doing that in recent years.

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The Omaha Catholics who were excommunicated because they attended the wedding of a man who had a divorced wife living, are going to ask the pope about it. They seem to have an idea that the bishop overstepped his authority.

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The little cold spell and the snow flurry has not thrown the ice men into a fever of excitement as yet. Doc Maffitt still has his mind on golf balls.

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For the forty-eleventh time it is stated that Governor Yates will shortly announce his candidacy for the senate.

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A Chicago woman killed a deer in Wisconsin. She is slightly better than the men who have been hunting up there. They have been killing each other.

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Experience has taught Count Witte that helping make peace between two beligerent nations is a much easier task than maintaining peace in one nation.

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The dispatches from St. Petersburg are conflicting. In the same column of the papers they tell us that the czar was shot; that the czar was not shot; that his body guard has revolted; that his body guard is loyal, etc., to the end of the chapter. There is one consolation to the reader. He is getting both sides of the story.

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Francis Wilson has become a father-in-law. Unlike most members of his profession Francis has a wife who is a mother-in-law at the same time. Stranger still she is a woman who is entitled to that distinction and is not one by proxy or the divorce court.

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Andrew Hamilton has been found in Paris. He is not feeling well but knowing how much worse he would feel if he came home and faced the insurance investigation he has concluded to stay where he is.

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The German socialists are rabid over the threatened meat famine. As long as the beer holds out they ought not to lose their temper. Generally it's the froth on the beer that makes a German socialist froth at the mouth.

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All men look alike to a small boy. In the fine arts building in Chicago Harlow N. Higginbotham, the millionaire, was forced to climb nine flights of stairs because the elevator boy would not take him up. Higginbotham carried many flowers for a woman's club that he had been invited to address. His wealth or social position did not affect the boy who knew the rules of the building. Higginbotham looked like bad money to him.

A FINE PARK FOR THREE-I

Bloomington Working to Have the Best In the Circuit.

A STONG OUTFIELD.

Conners Expects Three Men Second to None.

Here is the way a Bloomington writer talks of the improvements on the new baseball park in that city:

"The Bloomington association expects to present the finest baseball grounds around the Three I circuit for the season of 1906. The work of overhauling the present park has been in progress for the last month and the results so far are very satisfactory to the management. In preceding years the grounds have not been in favor owing to the roughness and unevenness of the diamond and outfield. When the grounds were secured three years ago they were the best available following the abandonment of the old grounds, cut up into town lots.

A deep excavation in center field required extensive filling and this process has consumed much time. The depression has been familiarly known around the Three I circuit as the dump and balls hit into it have been good for a home run.

Instead of a reputation as possessing the worst grounds in the circuit Bloomington confidently expects to be credited with the possession of the best and no expense will be spared to this end. The surplus left in the treasury following the close of the recent season is being expended for the improvement of the park.

Work Done On the Grounds.

The territory to the rear of the diamond and in front of the grand stand and bleachers is being cut two feet and the dirt removed is being hauled to the outfield where it was low. Heavy rollers are being employed to level off the grounds and following the settlement of the earth and additional rolling next April just before the season opens it is believed that the grounds will be in perfect condition. The grand stand and bleachers will also be overhauled before the season opens next year. The liberality of the Bloomington directors in spending their surplus for the betterment of the grounds is creating much favorable comment and will prove a good thing for the local association.

In addition Manager William Conners, who has just been engaged to handle the season for the fourth time, is looking forward to a stronger team than ever and will make a strong bid for the pennant of 1906. The Bloomington team has been unfortunate since the flag was won here in 1903. So many players were injured that there was no chance to make a try for the pennant. Next year, with the team overhauled in all departments and considerable new blood; there may be a different story to tell. To take the place of Sass, the Ohio outfielder, who will not return to the team next year, several good men are in sight, the most promising being a young player named McAllister who distinguished himself in the Missouri league during the recent season. He led the league with the stick and also made a fine fielding record.

Outfield Will Be Strong.

Negotiations are now under way and if he is secured the team will be in good shape as far as the outfield goes. Manager Connors has decided to play center field next year instead of left as in former years, and will exercise better supervision over the two men in the other wings of the outfield. It is settled that Noah Henline, who was picked up shortly before the close of the recent season after being dropped by Rock Island, will play left field next year. Henline won favor here by his hitting and the team will probably be greatly improved in that department by the presence of the new man. With Conners, Henline and McAllister Bloomington will have an outfield which will be second to none in the league."

Wanders From Asylum and Dies.

Peoria, December, 3—Mrs. Elizabeth Dingman, an inmate of the asylum at South Bartonville, was found at Long Lake yesterday a corpse. She had died from exposure and exhaustion.

Deputy Coroner Elliott held an inquest and returned a verdict as above given. There were no marks of violence on the body of the woman. Mrs. Dingman was declared insane in this city in 1898. She had been given work of assisting the nurses the past few months and was considered safe to be unwatched at times. She wandered away, however, Wednesday and nothing was known of her whereabouts until found on the bank of the lake.

ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM
CURES DEEP SEATED COUGHS

SKATING IS GOOD.

Sunday Offered the First of the Winter Sport.

The first ice skating of the season was enjoyed by the boys yesterday and there were very few of them but who took advantage of the opportunity. The sloughs were frozen over solidly and the ice was of the kind that afforded lots of pleasure. The freeze, coming as it did on Sunday, could not have been more to the boys' liking, and they put in the full day at it, many of them skating until late last night.

SOLDIERS FIRED ON.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 3.—Citizens of South Knoxville, mistaking a detail of men from the Third regiment, Second battalion, Tennessee National Guard, who were practicing with blank cartridges, for a gang of drunken rowdies who have been annoying the neighborhood, opened fire with rifles. Captain Wyrick marched his men double quick to the house and demanded the cause of the firing. Allen Keller, owner of the house, peeped through the door, recognized the uniform, and explained that he and some of his neighbors who were within had thought that they were about to be attacked by rowdies.

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SETH LOW IS AT HEAD

Elected Chairman of Conciliation Committee of National Body.

OTHER BIG ONES IN.

New York, Dec. 3.—The executive council of the National Civic Federation today elected Seth Low as chairman of the conciliation committee of the national body. Other members include Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius N. Bliss, Isaac N. Seligman, Frederic R. Underwood, president of the Erie road; Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph Cable company, Franklin MacVeagh, Chicago, Samuel Gompers, American Federation of Labor; John Mitchell, United Mine Workers of America, Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Cleveland, E. E. Clark, grand chief of the Order of Railway Conductors, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; J. J. Harrahan, grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Peoria.

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Bird's Eye View of Central Illinois

NAMING ILLINOIS TOWNS

Historical Research Made By Women of Springfield Club.

INTERESTING FACTS.

H, Dec. 2—The origin of Illinois is coming to be an topic among the members nois study class of the Woman's club. In the con er study of the early explor d settlements the time when years the "Lilies of France triumph over Illinois soil" found that although the hope ch empire in the west was such names still exist, such in whose honor LaSalle of the richest counties in was named. Joliet, who dis Mississippi is honored by that bears his name. Father is remembered in the canal the Mississippi and the Illi La Harpe, Tonti and Massac ws for them and the explor for whom Crooked creek is ree counties are named from k, LaSalle, DuPage, from a dian who had headquarters ver about 1806 and Bureau, on the French trader, Pierede

According to a recent re Professor Burns of the State Macomb, was peopled next eir ancestors whom he de ns in three lines of migra se from New York and New traveled around the Great d settled in the northern part e. From New Jersey, Penn Virginia and Ohio they set central part, while those entucky, Tennessee, North and arolina took up land in the n part. It is found that these ts builded their towns and them after places in their native In Kane county are the New names of Aurora, Alexander, Gen Dundee, Batavia, etc., Geneseo in county, Genoa in DeKalb, Ut LaSalle, Cazenovia in Woodford, Valley in Winnebago, Oneida and Oswego in Kendall, all from some corresponding ork towns. There are also Farm n Fulton from Farmington in k, LaGrange from New York s turn from the country res t Lafayette near Paris idge in Henry and Harvard in from Massachusetts also in Putnam, New Boston in and Sandwich in DeKalb. k in McHenry is from a town nt. It is said that Galesburg is from George Gale, its founder one from New York.

central part of the state are ames as Richland from Richland, Monmouth from the famous bat field in New Jersey, because the settler of Monmouth was born that historic spot, Jersey county Jerseyville from New Jersey, paign and Urbana from emi ts in 1830 who came from Urbana, paign county, Ohio. Toledo, in rland county from Toledo, Ohio, azewell county is named from on Tazewell, once governor of nia.

e south Randolph county was by the Scotch-Irish who emi from South Carolina after the n of slavery became to be agi They gave the name to Sparta, Steelville, and Coulterville to towns. Nashville is named from ille, Tenn., which was named in from Governor Nash of North Car Charles Cotesworth Pinkney is sible for Pinkneyville in Kerry his Millions for Defense but a Cent for Tribute" is a monu to his name. Paris, the head s of the Knights of the Golden whose purpose was to assist the s named from a town in Ken Shelbyville perpetuates the y of a revolutionary soldier.

FINDS HER HUSBAND IN BED.

Fright of Urbana Woman on Making Remarkable Discovery.

e, Dec. 3.—Only the failure of hone prevented the calling of bana police to a home in the of the county seat the other g where a housewife thought discovered a bold bad man her home. woman's husband was out of d she had spent the night at bor's. Returning she chanced through a window and saw a form in bed. Believing that rglar or tramp was enjoying she screamed and ran to tele for the police. The phone work and it was a good thing, intruder turned out to be her who had returned unexpect ing the night.

In the Swim.

ne missus is terrible fash'n ly, we say," remarked the new How do you know?" replied the maid, "all her gowns and things are impor thin, so am Ol fash'nable, fur rted; me jist landed a fort Philadelphia Press.

Baltimore After Eddie Beecher.

Beecher, the Memphis third for two years, has been draft e Baltimore club in the East Beecher has declared that play ball on the Pacific coast son, but the Marylanders will st call on his service.

CRIMINAL IS AT LARGE

But Man Is Suspected of Assault Upon the Arcola Girl.

MAY MAKE ARREST.

Arcola, Dec. 3.—The miscreant who committed a criminal attack on Miss Betty Racer is still at large. The girl is able to be about.

A young man who has been working in the locality of the Racer farm, and who is supposed to have left a week previous, is suspected and a warrant is out for him, but up to the present it has not been served. Sheriff Baker will get him if he can be located.

This young man had tried to go with Miss Racer at different times, but the parents objected. He was heard to make some remarks out of the ordinary and if caught he will be rigidly examined as to his whereabouts last Saturday afternoon.

NOW A BANK DIRECTOR.

Superintendent F. M. Savage Becomes an Official of Bank of America.

Joliet, Dec. 3.—Superintendent F. M. Savage, of the Steel Works club, was recently elected a director in the new Bank of America of Chicago, which has a capital and surplus of $500,000, and will open for business on Monday, December 4. Mr. Savage is associated with the following well known men of Chicago on the board of directors: Judge Abner Smith, the president of the bank; Ferdinand W. Peck, Dr. Frank Billings, J. F. Kavanaugh and W. J. Morphy.

His friends here will be glad to know that Mr. Savage is extending his field of usefulness in a business way. He has gone to New York for a few days.

DIED IN SOLDIERS' HOME.

James Brereton Passes Away at Quincy—Resident of Pekin.

Pekin, Dec. 3.—Word was received today by Mrs. J. Brereton of the death of her husband at the Soldiers' Home in Quincy. His son in Peoria was notified and left at once to attend the funeral, which takes place at the home on Saturday.

Mr. Brereton was born in Maryland September 7, 1827, being past 78 years of age. He was a brick mason by trade and followed that occupation in this city for many years. He served through the civil war and was a member of Joe Hanna Post, No. 117, G. A. R., of this city. Jacob Rapp, of the local post, received notice of his death this morning, but as the burial will be at Quincy the Pekin veterans cannot participate in the services. Mr. Brereton is survived by his wife, who lives at 509 Margaret street, and a son, James Brereton, of Peoria. Friends of the old gentleman in Pekin will be pained to hear that he is no more.

SENT TO CHESTER.

Man at Toledo, Illinois, Sentenced to the Penitentiary.

Toledo, Dec. 3.—The trial of Harry Carson, charged with stealing a watch from J. W. Arthur at Greenup on or about September 26 last, resulted in a verdict of guilty, and Carson was sentenced to the penitentiary at Chester.

P. C. Burlington's son, aged 20 years, who was charged with burglarizing the store of Sam Mondy at Jewett and taking some goods therefrom, pleaded guilty to the charge of petit larceny and was sentenced to jail until December 24.

SURPRISE THEIR FRIENDS.

Arcola Couple Go To Chicago and Marry.

Arcola, Dec. 3.—Samuel Blackwell, jr., and Miss Lulu Moser of this city were married in Chicago. The wedding was in the nature of a surprise here, as no one had any intimations of their intentions until a telegram was received Friday afternoon stating the ceremony had been performed. They were accompanied to Chicago by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stivers. The bride is the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Moser and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Blackwell of this city. Both are prominent and well known young people of this community.

Discuss the Postmastership.

Pekin, Dec. 3.—At a meeting held in this city between Congressman Graff of Peoria, E. W. Wilson, chairman of the Tazewell county republican central committee, and W. G. Fair, city editor of the Post-Tribune, it is said that it was practically determined that Mr. Fair will receive the appointment as postmaster in Pekin. At least that is what the leading republican politicians state. There are many applicants for the place.

BOY DRAGGED BY BULL.

Rope Catches Lad's Leg as Animal Rushed By.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 3.—Oliver and John Swan had a trying experience with a bull when it got out of the stable. The Swan boys decided they would lasso and take him in charge. With the rope about his head the bull started to run and in some way the other end having slipped from the grasp of the boys, looped itself about Oliver's ankle. Young Swan was dragged a quarter of a mile before the bull ceased to run. The animal was then cornered by the crowd that had gathered and young Swan was released. He was not seriously hurt.

FORGERY IS CHARGED

Young Man at Paris Is Arrested On a Serious Charge

PASSED A BAD CHECK.

Paris, Dec. 3.—W. E. Cummings, who claims to live on the Jefferson Adams farm, half a mile north of Mays station, was arrested on a charge of forgery at the home of his father, John Cummings, a quarter of a mile this side of Vermillion. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriffs Jack Blackman and Frank Crandall, who arrived at the county jail with their prisoner at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

It is alleged that Cummings secured $12 at the Citizens' National bank on a note to which the name of C. H. Wynans as security had been forged.

The deputies found the alleged forger in bed asleep with his wife. The senior Cummings answered the summons at the front door, one of the deputies meantime guarding the rear entrance. The accused wanted to wait and come to Paris in the morning, but the officers insisted that he accompany them to jail.

MURDER CASE MONDAY.

Edward Fitzsimmons to Be Tried At LaSalle.

LaSalle, Dec. 3.—The Fitzsimmons murder case will be called for trial in the circuit court Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Judge Bishop presiding. This case will be a hotly contested one and will in all probability arouse more interest than any trial since the Ford O'Brien case.

Edward Fitzsimmons was a non-union blower, engaged at the LaBastie Glass factory, and on the night of April 9, shot and killed Dave Sisk, a union man, and who at that time was on a strike. Fitzsimmons was indicted at the June term of the grand jury, and on Monday will be tried for murder. The state will be represented by C. S. Cullen, Richard Mills and Browne & Wylie, and the defense by Duncan, Doyle & O'Connor.

CAPTURED IN OHIO.

J. M. Hall Wanted In Edgar County, Is Captured.

Oakland, Dec. 3.—Word was received here last night that J. M. Hall, wanted in Edgar county on a statutory charge preferred by Miss Neary of Brocton, has been arrested in an Ohio town by a sheriff of that state and had expressed a willingness to return to Illinois without requisition papers.

It is understood that ex-Constable Digby, to whom the warrant was turned over for service, received the word. It is stated that Mr. Digby will go to Ohio after the prisoner, who has been a fugitive for about a year.

WANTED HIS SKIN WHITE.

Colored Boy at Newton Tries a New Preparation.

Newton, Dec. 3.—Noah Williams, a young colored man of this city, desiring to become more like his neighbors, purchased a preparation of an Ohio firm which it was claimed would turn his skin white. The preparation proved a failure, however, and Noah is still as dark as ever. The United States authorities are prosecuting the firm for fraudulent use of the mails and Williams has been subpoenaed as a witness against them in the court at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Circuit Court to Convene.

Pekin, Dec. 3.—Judge T. N. Green will convene the December term of the circuit court next Monday, December 4. The petit jurors have been notified that they will not be required to report before the second week of court, this request having been made by a majority of the attorneys at the bar. The docket contains 162 cases, of which only twenty-two are new cases. In the criminal list there is but one charge of murder, that against Edward Picke, accused of the murder of Bert L. Green in Delavan on September 1.

KILLS LARGE CHICKEN HAWK.

Bird Measures Nearly Four and One-Half Feet.

Champaign, Dec. 3.—Ald. G. H. Morton and William Wachtel, employes of Percival & Moorehead, killed a chicken hawk and are claiming that it is the largest bird of that species ever killed in the county.

The bird measures 4 feet 5½ inches from tip to tip of wings. It was killed about one mile south of town. The men will have it mounted and placed on exhibition.

Husks Corn At Midnight.

Lincoln, Dec. 3.—Elmer Maddox of near Tabor certainly is one of the most energetic corn huskers of that locality. He has been in the habit of arousing them up early in the morning, and so one morning recently the family thought they would certainly get up early enough to suit him. He was in the habit of arising at 3 a. m., so they turned up the clock three hours. When the clock struck 3 it was really only 12 but he got up as usual and after eating breakfast went into the field, and at sunupp was pulling into Tabor with a forty-five-bushel load of corn he had husked.

GRANGERS TO BE SEPARATED.

George, Well Known Here, Charges Wife with Desertion.

Champaign, Dec. 3.After over thirty years of married life, George Granger, a well known resident of Champaign, says his wife, Mrs. Sarah C. Granger, ran away from him and never came back. In a suit for divorce filed with the circuit clerk at Urbana he states that he was married May 20, 1870, and that the desertion occurred November 1, 1903. The complainant says he was a dutiful husband and could not account for his wife's action.

Mitchell Has Nervous Prostration.

Spring Valley, Dec. 3.—John Mitchell president of the United Mine Workers of America, arrived today, suffering from nervous prostration. No serious results are apprehended. It is said by doctors that a few days of rest will restore his health.

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Red Tag Trees

COURT WORK AT TAYLORVILLE

Much Business Has Been Transacted During the Present Week.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

News of the People of Christian County Seat.

Taylorville, Dec. 3.—Considerable business has been transacted in the circuit court at Taylorville during the past week. The grand jury was organized with M. A. Holben as foreman; B. O. Miller as clerk, and Z. L. Hopson as assistant.

Frank Reed, charged with libel, was granted a change of venue to the March term of court. J. R. Edmonds and W. B. Cashin, ex-county officials who are being sued on their bond as a result of the recent investigation, asked the state for bills of particulars and the latter was given until the March term to file same.

Anna L. Wilson was granted a divorce from Harry L. Wilson on the grounds of adultery and cruelty and was given the custody of their child. Grace J. Watkins was given a divorce from Ira C. Watkins on account of adultery and restored her maiden name. Carrie E. Raser dismissed her bill for divorce from William L. Razar. Zella M. Bell was awarded a divorce from Robert E. Bell on the grounds of adultery and permitted to resume her maiden name.

John H. Hebel of Pana was acquitted of a charge of assaulting his farm hand, George Ellis. The jury in the case of The People vs. Frank Peppinhaus of Pana, charged with assaulting William Paus with intent to kill, returned a verdict of not guilty. State's Attorney Neff and Master in Chancery Wallace filed their reports, which were approved and made a matter of record.

Announce Wedding.

Bert Blakely, of La Salle, Ill., formerly a clerk in the store of his brother-in-law, Theodore Durr, in this city, will be married Monday at Mt. Pelier, Ind., to Miss Gertrude Opedycke. Miss Opedycke was formerly a clerk in the Durr store and it was here they became acquainted. Mrs. L. C. Baker, a sister of the bride, has gone to Mt. Pelier to attend the wedding.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued: Benjamin F. Plocker and Anna Weyen, Pana, Dennis Aylyard, Stonington, and Via Holben, Buckhart township; John E. Hanauer, Johnson township, and Mrs. Luvena Gilbert, Taylorville; W. H. Vasel, Mt. Vernon, and Miss Nellie Pope, Taylorville; Albert H. Neibal, Springfield, and Miss Mary E. Lee, Pana; Geared Kook and Miss Johanna Fembush, Pana.

Taylorville Notes.

The Christian County Poultry and Pet Stock association will hold its fifth annual exhibition at the Armory hall for four days next week, beginning Wednesday, December 6.

Ohe Witmer, formerly a drug clerk in this city, who afterwards went to Joplin, Mo., and entered the drug business there, and was elected to the Missouri legislature, has now started a bank for the accommodation of the business district in which he is located.

Earl Frampton and Miss Jessie Walters, both of this city, were united in marriage at St. Louis Wednesday. The groom is a cigar maker.

The Franklin Stead organ recital given by the twentieth century Sunday school class at the M. E. church Friday night was an enjoyable affair and netted a small sum of money.

Charles Funderburk and Roy Wilnot were each fined $3 and costs Friday morning for drunkenness and disturbing the peace. They started a "rough house" in Phillips' pool room Thursday night.

The board of health has issued an order permitting the South school of the east district to open up Monday morning. The North school will remain closed on account of the diphtheria epidemic.

Colonel Lafe Moore, of Cowfen, fell into a cellar and was painfully injured about the head while attending the Hedden hog sale north of this city Wednesday.

Rev. Dr. Branch, late pastor of the Baptist church, delivered the principal address at the union Thanksgiving services in this city Thursday morning.

John Young, a Sharpsburg farmer, was assessed $2 and costs for a plain drunk on Thanksgiving day.

John Barbre and wife are visiting their daughter, Mrs. E. White, of Clinton, Ind.

Charles Milligan and wife have returned from a sojourn at Hot Springs, Ark.

Miss Ethel Wall and Harry Osborne were in St. Louis Thursday.

Mrs. R. I. Smith will entertain at dinner Sunday for Mrs. John Peel, of Moweaqua.

The Missionary society of the C. P. church held their Thanksgiving meeting with Mrs. H. M. Powell.

The teachers of the North and South schools of the west district entertained tonight in honor of Mrs. H. N. Foltz, wife of the principal. The affair was at the home of Miss Hilmers.

Messrs. Lon Martin and Grover Hoover and Miss Zell Plowman attended the foot ball game between Michigan and Chicago at the latter place Thursday.

Rev. H. C. Temple, of the C. P. church, has returned from Coffeen, where he assisted in a revival.

The remains of Mrs. E. J. Houston, who died Thanksgiving day at Pana, were brought here this morning for interment in Oak Hill cemetery.

The 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Willis died this morning.

The school teachers and officers of Christian county have just closed a successful Thanksgiving meeting of two days' session.

STAFF'S GOOD WORK.

Illinois Odd Fellow Compliments the Team from Decatur

The Illinois Odd Fellow, the official paper of that order, speaks in highly complimentary terms of the work of the Decatur Patriarchal staff at Springfield recently. The paper regarding the drill has the following to say:

The Springfield drill of the Decatur Patriarchal staff was in deed a revelation to the uninstructed. All available space in the Representatives hall at the capitol was at an early hour fully occupied by the officers of the Grand Encampment and Patriarchs, and all on alert for the opening of the work. Promptly for the rendition of the Patriarchical degree, the staff came marching into the arena sixteen strong, and just as promptly, every subsequent evolution and portion of the work was given to the entire end; there was no tedium from Alpha to Omega. The waits between scenes could hardly be designated. Semper paratus was the order of the evening and there was not the slightest symptom of unreadiness. It was remarkable for this feature alone, but there were many other excellencies, so many in fact that we fear our description may not do full justice to the exemplification. However, we will make an earnest endeavor. Little could be looked for to improve elocution, nothing could be asked to enhance floor movements.

The solid, even cadence of Canton Decatur was discernable and the setting up of the Patriarchs in their erect deportment, emphasized this fact. We especially liked the rhythmic concert of the sounding crooks as they kept time to the stately march. Costumes and paaraphernalia left nothing to be desired. No one interfered with one another, each had his place and knew it, and it almost seemed that he also knew just how many steps were required to attain it. Junior parts showed as great study as principal characters; the Junior Warden for instance, carried much of the work in his intervals, his diction being tinged with eloquence, and his address most engaging. During the rendition all spectators sat in rapt attention, many absorbed by new beauties in the reading of the Sublime Degrees; the dignity of bearing was a most noticeable feature, with never an action which could be adversely criticised. It was a most scholarly exemplification, yet warm in its earnestness and with no lack of spirit; the outcome of long, patient, studious care and attention. The applause of the audience was as well deserved as it was generous and spontaneous. The impression carried to the Tents of our order will be most valuable and lasting, for with the same determination to excel, the smallest encampment in the jurisdiction can attain to equal eminence.

WAS ONCE A BUM PRINT

Interesting Story In Connection With Mayor Bookwalter.

A JOKE TO HIM NOW.

Springfield, Dec. 3.—Charles A. Bookwalter, who has just been reelected mayor of Indianapolis, Ind., was at one time and a very short time at that, a resident of Springfield. John F. Bretz, who is personally acquainted with Mr. Bookwalter, is authority for the statement and tells an interesting story of Bookwalter's experience in this city when he came here as a "tourist" printer in 1882, for for it was after this that he climbed the first round in the ladder of fame and political preferment.

It was to the old Monitor office that Bookwalter came and struck the foreman for a job. He got it and then after working a few days he went down to the office to collect his pay. He went to the cashier and was informed that he must see the proprietor, Capt. T. W. S. Kidd. Capt. Kidd told the printer that Saturday was pay day and he would have to wait until then. Bookwalter said that he would do no such thing, and there was trouble, and Kidd told him to leave or he would have to throw him out of the office.

The matter was later adjusted and forgotten, at least by one party to the transaction, but years afterwards when Captain Kidd went to Indianapolis to deliver his lecture, "Lawyer Lincoln by the Crier of the Court," he was introduced to the audience by Bookwalter, who took occasion to tell a few things about the lecturer that surprised the latter.

After the lecture Captain Kidd asked the chairman of the evening: "How do you happen to know all these things about me?" and Bookwalter responded: "You don't remember me, but I will never forget you. I was the tramp printer that you were going to throw out of your office at one time." Mr. Bretz, who told the story, and who has been acquainted with Bookwalter for years, sent him a telegram of congratulation, briefly calling attention to the dates 1882-1905.

FUNERALS.

Chester Glover.

The funeral of Chester Glover took place from the First Christian church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Mr. Thompson. The choir of the First Christian church furnished music and the floral offerings were beautiful and profuse. The pall bearers were C. A. Gille, Carl Witzeman, George Hornbrook, Richard Rule, E. E. Grindol and A. Hampton. The interment was at Greenwood.

Mrs. Oppen.

The funeral services of Mrs. Ole K. Oppen were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence, 1517 East William street, Rev. Mr. Roth officiating. The singing was by Miss Mary Clark, Miss Bertha Troutman, Charles Auer and Harry Kepler. The pall bearers were M. L. Deck, Dr. N. D. Myers, A. G. Webber, W. L. Allen, Will Peters and William Kunkle. Burial was at Greenwood.

Jacob Nelson.

The funeral of Jacob Nelson took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the residence, 428 South Water street, conducted by Rev. Findlay. A large crowd was present and the floral offerings were pretty. The pall bearers were J. J. Lee, C. C. Lee, M. A. Lee, J. P. Sinchton, W. A. Fuch and C. E. Cavanaugh. Interment took place at Mt. Gilead cemetery, four miles south of the city.

R. H. Groom.

The funeral of Richard H. Groom will take place from the residence, 807 North Monroe street, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. W. VanCleve officiating. Interment will be at Greenwood.

J. T. Stearns.

The funeral of Joseph T. Stearns was held from the residence, five miles northeast of Decatur, yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. N. M. Baker. The burial was at Brush college cemetery. The choir consisted of Edward Davis, J. C. Myers, Roscoe Davis, Charles Davis, P. Beaver, M. F. Metz, Ora Crane, R. B. Clary, W. M. Montgomery, Rose Adams, L. F. Ostrander, Silas Watts and Amos Wheeler.

ALL REPUBLICANS SAY UNCLE JOE

For the Second Time Illinois Stalwart Is Unanimously Named For The Speaker

MAKES A CONSERVATIVE TALK

Democrats Select John Sharp Williams As Their Leader.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Washington members of congress met in caucus this evening and renominated all the elective officers of the house who served during the last session. William H. Hepburn was again chosen chairman of the caucus. The principal feature of the session was the speech of Joseph G. Cannon, who was for the second time unanimously chosen speaker. He reminded the republicans that as they had a majority upon them would rest the responsibility for legislation. He urged caution in appropriations, but opposed parsimony. Referring to trust and railroad legislation he said:

"Changes in methods of production and commerce so salutary and beneficial, involving as they do the extraordinary use of combined capital, emphasizes the necessity for preventing agreements in restraint of trade and regulation of commerce among states and with foreign nations.

Under the Law.

"Congress within the limits of its jurisdiction under the constitution has heretofore enacted legislation touching these subjects. In the fulness of time it may be under law as it now is, and by operation of competitive forces, that matters of difference between corporations, carrier, and people they serve, would be adjusted in justice to all.

A Better Law.

"The consensus of opinion of people, however, is that congress has power by amendment to the law to provide better remedies for real abuses existing, so that the producer and consumer can find a more speedy and less expensive remedy than we now have. In this opinion I, for one, concur. The burden is upon congress and our party, having power is primarily responsible. Let us go forward. But it is our duty to see that legislation is wise in the premises—just to corporation, carrier and people.

No Oppression.

"We cannot oppress one by foolish or unjust legislation, without in the end bringing disaster upon all. We should be especially careful to not unduly interfere with operation of competitive forces, for after all, our very civilization rested upon it, each individual living in the sweat of his face, hustling to promote his own interest. We may regulate commerce among states, and as an incident thereto, we may regulate competitive forces. We dare not destroy them."

The Officers.

The officers re-nominated are:

Clerk—Alexander McDowell, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant-at-Arms — Henry Casson, Wisconsin.

Doorkeeper—F. B. Lyon, New York.

Postmaster—John Joseph McElroy, Ohio.

Chaplain—Rev. Henry N. Couden, Michigan.

The Rules.

The rules of the fifty-eighth congress, including the standing orders as to the consideration of pension and claim bills, on Friday were continued during the fifty-eighth congress.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, was re-elected whip for the republican side.

THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Washington, Dec. 2.—For two hours today the democratic members of the house discussed party policies and proceedure with a view to solidifying the minority and actin gharmoniously upon all matters of partisan character that may come before the house.

John Sharp Williams was unanimously chosen as the nominee for speaker, and this action of the caucus makes him minority leader. Williams in an extended speech outlining the principles upon which the party should stand, and especially insisted the party should oppose subsidies of all kinds and support anti-trust legislation. He insisted the party would be endorsing its national platforms if every effort were used to further legislation looking to government control of railroad rates.

A resolution was adopted requiring members of the minority of various committees to submit minority reports on bills where democratic principles are violated in the opinion of such minority members. The following officers were nominated without opposition:

Clerk, former Representative Cowherd, of Missouri; sergeant-at-arms, Charles A. Edwards, Texas; doorkeeper, J. R. Taylor, Arkansas; postmaster, Robert L. Douglas, South Carolina; chaplain, Rev. Austin Crouch, Alabama.

A resolution was adopted that the minority shall oppose the adoption by the house of any set of rules to continue in force more than thirty days.

Talks About Graft.

His Policy.

Williams, speaking of railroad legislation, declared such regulation was in accord with the general democratic principle of special privileges to none and equal opportunity to all. He congratulated the country on the fact that the president and his followers had accepted this democratic idea, and declared that without the aid of the president the democratic party could do nothing at this time in the way of rate legislation, while, on the other hand, the president and his followers could do nothing without the aid of the democrats.

Williams spoke with great emphasis about the prevalence of graft in the government service, which he said had lifted its head in the diplomatic service, in Venezuela, in the public land service, in the postoffice and agricultural departments, and elsewhere. In business circles graft had become worse than in politics. Graft was the result of corrupt ideas which must necessarily have a breeding place somewhere, and Williams declared the "principle of protectionism" was this breeding place.

GOING BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS

Railroads Prepare To Take Big Crowd to Live Stock Show.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Fully 125,000 persons will be carried by the railroads with Chicago connections to the International Live Stock exposition December 16 to 23, according to reports received. The exposition this year will be more elaborate than in the past, as building will permit a larger display of prize cattle and horses. the large arena of the new exposition

MARTIAL LAW AT KIEFF.

Mutineers and Cossacks Have Street Fights.

Kieff, Russia, Dec. 1, via Warsaw, Dec. 3.—There has been serious street fighting between mutinous sappers and the cossacks and between the workmen and bands of the "black hundred."

Scores of persons have been killed or wounded. Martial law has been proclaimed.

Dungan Retires from the Game.

Sam Dungan has announced his retiremnt. Dungan is wintering in San Jose and has built a home with money saved from many years of dutiful toil. He declares he will never play baseball again.

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REV. F. W. BURNHAM ADDRESSES ELKS AT MEMORIAL SERVICE

He Preaches a Strong Serm on and Exercises Are Held By the Members of Order In Impressive Manner.

A striking sermon was delivered last night by Rev. F. W. Burnham at the Central Church of Christ on the occasion of the ninth annual memorial service of Decatur Lodge No. 401, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. The members of the lodge attended in a body. The order of the service was as follows:

Organ Prelude "Priests' March from Athalia" (Mendelssohn)—Miss J. Zern (?) rald.

Vocal Solo "Show Me Thy Ways, O Lord" (Torrente)—Miss Leonora Allen.

Invocation—Rev. F. W. Burnham.

Cello Solo "Simple Aveu" (Thome)—Dr. T. S. Cellis.

Cornet Solo "Evening Serenade" (Herfurth Geist)—Brother Charles J. Loeb.

Offertory—Mrs. Storer.

Clarionet Solo "Beneath Thy Window" (Toselli)—Brother Robert Walter.

Memorial—Brother Marshall Griffin.

Vocal Solo, "Behold, O Lord, and Consider Us" (Woodman)—W. J. Rand.

Address—Rev. F. W. Burnham.

Haendel's Largo—Opera House Orchestra.

Doxology.

Benediction: Rev. F. W. Burnham.

Organ Postlude—Mrs. Storer.

The Sermon.

In addressing the local lodge of Elks Rev. Burnham said:

"We welcome among us tonight and into this house of worship to whose dedication they sent a most fitting tribute of their regard and good will, the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. We share with them the inspiration of this excellent musical program which they have provided and join them in the keeping of this annual memorial of their departed brothers. Throughout our fair land, from the wave worn cliffs of Maine to the sunny entrance of the Golden Gate, from the cold and wind swept prairies of the far north to the fragrant fields of gulf encircled Florida, in almost every city, members of the brotherhood of Elks and their friends have met together today to pay tribute of respect and memory to their beloved departed.

"It is an appropriate and timely custom which sets aside the first Sunday in December to the memory of the dead. All about us at this season are the tokens of mortality. The year is dying, the leaves which a little while ago, touched by the artist finger of the frost king, clothed the forests in a garb more glorious than the robes of the far famed Solomon have fallen to the earth and mingled in the decay of dying grasses. Over the snow covered earth the barren trees stand silent and forbidding like sentinels over a field of dead. December's leaden skies and somber sunsets give a touch of lonesomeness to these melancholy days. As winter approaches we cannot escape the sense of correspondence between the outer natural world and the inner spirit. Life, too, has its winter. With a feeling of transitoriness the prophet soul within us anticipates the certain future. The aged have felt it as no more romance this awful fact which nature declares. "We have all felt it in the pale, the watery glow of the red setting sun, shorn of half its luster, in the dripping of the woodland, in the limp leaves trodden by hoofs into clay, in the depressing north wind, in the sepulchral cough of the aged man we pass upon the street under the inclement sky. In all of this God has said to us as He said of old 'Pause and number thy days, for they are numbered.'

"The holding of a memorial for the departed amid these conditions links two worlds together and makes us feel how narrow, though how deep, is the chasm between.

Only One Died.

"The Decatur lodge of Elks has been blessed with life and health the past year, and tonight the members are called upon to mourn the loss of but one of their number since last they assembled in the Lodge of Sorrow. A tribute, tender, generous and appropriate has been paid the memory of that brother. All the sympathy that human lips could convey has been tendered to those who were most bereaved by his going. In the time elapsed since his departure the spirit of God has lightened the grief and crystalized his virtues into a hallowed remembrance, and on the tables of your hearts as well as upon the illuminated tablet in the place of your meetings his name is written in love. In the few moments that we linger here, solemnized by the sense of the temporal here and the eternal just yonder, it remains for me to say a word relative to the order itself, the tokens of whose brotherhood are before you.

"It may prepare the way for a better understanding of the real value of this brotherhood to come at once to a consideration of what it is and is not.

Not a Kindergarten.

"First, then, it is not designed as an organization for the young and immature. It does not receive into its ranks men who are under age nor those who are, as yet, unfit to leave the tender guardian influences of the home and mingle in the stress and struggle of life. The Order of Elks does not profess to be a kindergarten, a Sunday school, or a Young People's society. It is an order for the engendering of fraternal relations between men of mature minds, fixed habits, and of fairly well determined destiny. It does not set for itself the task of training youth either in intellect or morals. It takes full grown men as they are, and as they have chosen for themselves to be, and seeks to find some side of good-fellowship in each, and by that side to link him with his fellowmen in bonds of fraternal friendship.

"Again, it is not, strictly speaking, a temperance organization. It makes no direct attack upon the liquor problem. It has often been accused of lending influence to the other side. In this its position has probably been misunderstood. The Order of Elks numbers among its members many of the most intelligent, patriotic, and humanitarian men of our times and country. These men are not ignorant of, nor indifferent to, the evils of intemperance, and I am informed that in some, at least, of the strongest lodges no liquors whatever are allowed. But the lodges in general seem to hold that the habits of the members with regard to drinking is a matter of personal liberty, any one which, in the interest of the larger fellowship between men, need not be interfered with. Yet, granting this freest personal liberty, the order seeks to safeguard the welfare of its members as best it may under the circumstances. Even in those lodges where a buffet is permitted the pernicious practice of social treating, which has been the ruin of many an otherwise self controlled man, is strictly forbidden. The faithful Elk is not permitted to 'put his bottle to his neighbor's lips.' Each may drink for himself and to the extent of his own judgment, but none may urge another in the name of sociability to go beyond that point.

No Gambling.

"Allow me to say here that this is not all that in the interest of sobriety could be desired, nor can I justly give it my full commendation, and yet, I may say frankly that I believe that if our whole tremendous problem of strong drink with its hydra-headed iniquity of license for revenue, could be reduced to this basis very much of its evil would be abated.

The lodges of Elks permit no gambling neither that which is strictly forbidden by the law of the land nor that more polite form which has passed current in many a parlor of good society. There is no playing for prizes. No chips are given or received which may be exchanged elsewhere in a way to contribute to the holder's downfall. There is no ban upon any game save that it must be played only for amusement.

"Again, the Order of Elks is not a religious order. In the ample folds of its broad mantle of charity there is room for every shade of belief or unbelief. It becomes alike Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, Agnostic and Christian, believer and unbeliever. And yet the order is not hostile to religion nor devoid of appreciation of its worth. On the altar of every Elks lodge, above an overspreading American flag, lies an open Bible, and the ethical teachings of this book are received as the law of conduct and the guide of life. The belief in Almighty God as author, creator and ruler of the universe is inculcated. Each lodge is supposed to have its chaplain, and prayer is offered at the initiation of each candidate. The beliefs of men are held to be a personal possession while the feeling of brotherhood and a desire to co-operate in the furtherance of good fellowship, is counted a sufficient bond of lasting union.

American Institution.

Now that we have spoken, frankly of some of the things which the Order of Elks is not, a word may be said on the positive side.

"The order is strictly an American institution. It had its birth on American soil, and its principles are believed to be in keeping with the American spirit. Its members are pledged to the patriotic and loyal support of our government institutions, laws and homes. The emblem of our liberties, the stars and stripes, are visible in every meeting of the order, and over the altar before which the candidate takes his initiatory vows the colors blend. Charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity are its cardinal virtues—the corner stones upon which this fraternal temple is built.

"Says one of its defenders 'We recognize the truth of the scripture, that 'We have brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out of it.' We believe that there is a higher purpose in life than the constant struggle for wealth and place and power, that he who scatters flowers in the pathway of his human sympathy and human helpfulness, is following in the footsteps of the Master. We believe that a smile is better than a frown, sunshine better than clouds, that laughter is the sweetest music of this world, and life without it is a dreary waste. We believe in good fellowship and that it is our duty to turn aside now and then from the cares and anxieties of life and sip the honey from the flowers of pleasure. We know that everything created by human hands will in time perish. Monuments will fade away. The majestic mountains, towering snow-capped among the clouds, are slowly but surely being levelled to the sea. Kind words, good deeds, can never die. Every noble act, every lofty thought, is immortal and leaves its imprint on the human race. The principles of our order are not made a substitute for religious faith but they are made the cardinal principles of a great order, that their constant consideration may have an ennobling influence upon the membership, and their practical application may result in good to all mankind.'

Real Benevolence.

"In genuine, disinterested benevolence the Order of Elks takes front rank among the fraternal societies of men. Its charity does not consist in paying a stipulated indemnity for which the recipient has paid in advance. No guaranties are made, but help is extended as need and ability require. And not alone to the members of its own household of faith, but to the needy man, woman or child, anywhere, are the benefactions of Elkdom on occasion, extended. It is said that travelling people, and those who meet with adversity amidst strange and inhospitable surroundings—the unfortunate but self respecting—feel freer to approach the members of the Order of Elks and are more generally certain of finding needed relief, with the least humiliation, there than anywhere else known of them. If this be true, and I have no reason to doubt my information, it is indeed a charity that covereth a multitude of sins.

"Before leaving the sacred opportunity of this quiet hour in which you, my friends, have permitted and even invited, the frankness of manly speech, I cannot refrain from calling attention to a great principle inculcated by your order which it seems to me, needs a firmer and more certain foundation for its acceptance than that which you give to it.

Hour of Eleven.

"At the hour of eleven of any night in which brother Elks are together in friendly intercourse, or in the sessions of the lodge, as that hour is heralded all other matters are laid aside and some tribute of memory and good will is paid to the absent brother. Then at the close of the eleventh hour in the calendar of months, on this first Sunday in December, you meet in solemn service in honor and memory of the absent from this life. And both of these beautiful ceremonies, in their significance rest upon the fact that man is something more than the mere bodily presence which at one time or another we behold. Absent, elsewhere amidst the world's busy scenes on land or sea, or absent utterly from this world of sense and sight, you hold him still to be only an absent brother—a brother still, though absent. This is the idea of immortality, and I find it emphasized in all the literature of your order which has come into my hands. But upon what foundation does this idea of immortality rest, and whence is the source of its certainty? If your only certainty of its reality lies in the of the dace that it may be so, then it is as ephemeral and unstable as a puff of shifting wind across our broad prairies. The idea is too noble and its inculcation too worthy to be allowed to remain in such uncertainty.

The True Basis.

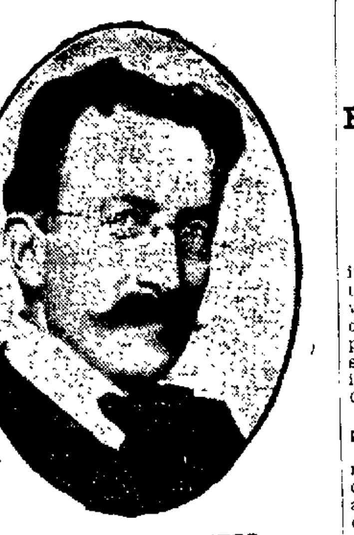
"What, then, is the true basis of this lofty hope? Is it not just in this, that the Great God, the Creator of us all, has spoken unto us in His Son and, as St. Paul says, 'hath given assurance unto all men of this fact, in that He hath raised Him from the dead?' St. John says that this is God's great message to us, 'That God hath given unto us eternal life, and this life is His Son. He that hath the Son hath eternal life.'

"My friends is it not this 'Absent Brother,' in whose sacred memory a loving brotherhood gathers about the table spread with the emblems of His broken body and His shed blood to keep a memorial of Him, whom you need and we all need to give us the lasting certainty of that universal hope which fills our hearts." He alone could say: 'I am the resurrection and the life.' To be a brother Elk and be hailed as a good fellow means much to you. To be a brother of our Lord and a sharer of His immortal life means more. Infinitely more!"

Participants in Elks' Service

REV. F. W. BURNHAM, Who preached the sermon.

M. C. GRIFFIN, Who read the memorial.



C. J. VANDEVENTER, Exalted Ruler.

REVIVAL AT C. P. CHURCH

Services Will Be Held by Rev. J. W. McDonald This Week.

HIS SUNDAY SERMONS.

At the Cumberland Presbyterian church yesterday morning Rev. J. W. McDonald preached on "The Dangers of Drifting." In the evening the subject was "Making a New Start with God's Help." Both sermons were a part of the series of subjects on which Mr. McDonald will talk during the week. All this week, with the exception of Saturday evening services will be held at the church. All the regular church meetings for the week with the exception of the business meeting of the Ladies' Aid society will be discontinued for this week.

At the revival services an enlarged choir, composed of members of the congregation, will furnish music. Reverend McDonald spoke yesterday morning in part as follows:

"You see a man in a boat on the river drifting toward the falls. Recognizing his imminent danger you try to warn him, but he smiles and wants to know why you are excited. He says that he is committing no crime, and that he is doing nothing wrong. As a matter of fact he is drifting when he might easily bring himself to safety.

"There is a common feeling that if we do no criminal act we are not to blame for the outcome of our lives. One of the greatest sins that a man can commit against himself, his neighbor and his God is to drift. This explains why Christ spoke of seemingly nice people as being lost. He meant that their lives were not being swept upward by the nobler purposes.

"When you see a man fall from the top of a twenty story building you say that he is lost when he first loses his footing. In fact the man is at that particular time perfectly sound and in good health, but you know that this start means that he will be crushed finally on the pavements below.

"The little span of life does not give to us the outcome of human existence, it gives us the direction. If the life is linked with the divine forces which will continue to sweep it upward, it does not yet appear what the outcome shall be, but we do know that when Christ shall appear it shall be like unto him.

"On the other hand a negative life is drifting downward. No one would sign a contract to live on the lower planes of life, yet the majority of people will gradually drift to that level. This gradual coming of evil is the dangerous part of it. No man has the right to live a negative life. He owes it to himself and to his community to take a stand and identify himself with the forces which make it easier for all men to choose the highest.

KENDALL WILL SING

With His Wife He Will Take Part at First Christian Church.

DEMONSTRATES SONGS

Revival meetings at the First Christian church will be held every night this week. The pastor has obtained the services of Prof. P. M. Kendall and wife who will assist in the singing. The professor will use his stereopticon to demonstrate songs and the pictures used will be those made by himself, in his travels abroad. The professor and his wife are residents of Columbus, Indiana.

PROF. P. M. KENDALL.

FIVE ARE RECEIVED.

As Result of the Revival at U. B. Church.

Rev. C. A. Thorne, presiding elder of this district filled the pulpit at the Centenary U. B. church both morning and evening. At the morning services, after the close of the discourse a communion service was held at which about seventy-five persons participated.

The revival services which are being held at the church every evening are being well attended and will be continued the rest of this week, the services Monday evening will be in charge of the pastor Rev. A. W. Phillips, and the pulpit will be filled by Rev. C. A. Thorne. It is expected that the Rev. E. H. Huey of Springfield will arrive in the city Tuesday to assist in the meetings for the remainder of the week. There were five additions to the church the past week.

The business meeting of the quarterly conference will be held in the basement of the church Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

FOR UNION SERVICE

Minister Will Discuss Plans at a Dinner Today

Today the various ministers of the city together with at least two business men belonging to each church in the city, will have dinner at Greider's Cafe. At the dinner it will be decided definitely whether it will be practicable to hold union revival services this winter. If it is decided to hold the meetings the time will be in the month of January.

BETTER DAY IS COMING

Dr. Penhallegon Says the World Is Not Good As It Might Be.

IDEAL NOT YET HERE.

At the morning service of the Presbyterian church yesterday morning Dr. W. H. Penhallegon preached on "A Better Day Coming." He spoke in part as follows:

"The ideal condition has not yet been reached. The world does not seem as good as it might be, or as it was intended to be nor as it ought to be. However, there are forces at work in the world that give promise of better things in the days to come. The day in which we live is the best known to history, but there is every reason to believe that our children will find a far better day.

At the evening service the pastor gave a short address in connection with the Thanksgiving praise service which was rendered by the quartet and chorus choir. The musical part of the service consisted in the main of solos, duets, quartets and choruses. A duet, "Glory to Thee, My God This Night," was sung by Misses Leonora Allen and Lora Rue.

A cantata, "A Song of Praise," was rehearsed by the quartet and chorus. Miss Lora Rue also sang a solo. At the morning service the choir gave two special thanksgiving anthems. The first was "The earth is the Lord's" and the second was "A Hymn of Praise."

DR. BOWYER SPEAKS.

Preaches at Both Services at Baptist Church.

The services at the First Baptist church were conducted by Rev. S. H. Bowyer both morning and evening. The text at the morning service was, "Then Phillip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto men, and the people gave heed, and there was great joy in that city." The minister said in part:

"The important word of the text is 'Then,' indicating that something else preceded this and led up to a new movement in the church, the thing that preceded was a great persecution against the church, perhaps the first general persecution we have in the text. The churches answer to the persecution Phillip preached Christ with a renewed vigor and zeal, he demanded a hearing for himself on the ground that he was speaking for God, for he preached Christ. The early Christians are catching now for perhaps the first time, Christ's idea that his religion was to be a world power. Evangelism is the best reply to every assault, the same wind which stripped the plant of its seed distributed it to other fields and territories.

"A great persecution had swept over this land of Christianity, Stephen had been killed and Phillip now steps in to take his place, a military order is the order persuaded. Christianity followed by its natural results. Phillip was more eloquent and powerful because of the experiences through which he had gone, he was a better man for his suffering, and persecution through which he had passed, and we are thus taught eloquence by persecution and we are made evangelists by real suffering."

The evening services were baptismal services and the subject on which Dr. Bowyer talked was "What Christ has to say to a Penitent Soul." There was a large attendance at the evening services.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Thomas W. Hayden, Peoria.........27
Laura M. Cook, Decatur.............22

If you like Mrs. Austin's famous buckwheat flour won't you kindly tell your friends how delicious it is.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Meetings To Be Held During Coming Week.

The announcements for the week at the different churches given out Sunday were as follows.

GERMAN METHODIST.

The regular prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening.

Thursday afternoon and evening a reception will be given to the new members who have lately come to this country and have joined the church, the reception will be given at the home of Mrs. Duda at 1579 East Marietta street.

GRACE METHODIST.

Tonight the regular meeting of the official board will be held and Tuesday afternoon the Woman's Foreign Missionary society will hold a meeting at the residence of Mrs. L. L. Burke, 953 North Main street at 2 35 p. m.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid society will be held at the church on Wednesday afternoon at 2 30 to make final arrangements for the bazaar. The bazaar will be held Friday evening and Saturday all day, at the coliseum. A turkey dinner will be served on Saturday and a program of music and tableaux representing Mother Goose & Co, will be held both evenings.

FIRST CHRISTIAN.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold their annual election of officers Tuesday afternoon.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet on Saturday at Sister Ulrich's on West Decatur street.

FIRST METHODIST.

The first quarterly conference of the year will be held in the office of Mr. Henry B. Wise in the Powers building. Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Immediately following the quarterly conference meeting, the regular monthly meeting of the board will be held.

Rev. Davidson will have charge of the regular prayer meeting which will be held in the lecture room of the First Baptist church Wednesday evening at 7 30 o'clock. The subject will be, "Rising Above Discouragements."

The regular monthly meeting of the Young Woman's Foreign Missionary society will be held at the home of Mr. Walter Ziegler at 1533 North Water street, on Tuesday evening. The meeting will be in charge of the Honorary members. The leader of the meeting will be Mr. Charles Imboden, and the subject, 'A Christmas Message.'

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Mid-week prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday evening in the lecture room of the church. The subject will be "In His Steps." The session of the church will hold its regular session this evening in the pastor's study at 7.30 p. m.

On Thursday evening the Christian Endeavor society will give a banquet in the parlors of the church in honor of its nineteenth anniversary.

Choir practice and teachers' meeting will be held Friday evening.

FIRST CHRISTIAN.

The Energetic Temperance club will hold their next meeting tonight at 731 West William street. A meeting of Young People's societies of the city will be held in the church tonight to further arrange for the coming of Von Vogden Vogt, general secretary of United Society of Christian Endeavor.

On Tuesday night Mrs. Loos-Tooker concert will take place.

On Wednesday evening a prayer meeting will be held followed by a bible study. Ladies of the church hold a bazaar on December 14 and 15.

Ladies of the seventh division of Social Helpers will meet at the church on Thursday all day.

COLD INTERFERED.

The attendance at the Central Church of Christ was small yesterday morning owing to the severe cold. Rev. Burnham spoke on "The Value of a Consistent Christ," and the choir rendered an anthem. The church was decorated for the Elks' service at night. There was a large floral design in the Elks' colors on the organ loft, where the orchestra was stationed.

C. P. CHURCH.

On account of the revival services which will be held in the auditorium of the church all week, all the regular meetings of the various church organizations will be discontinued, with the exception of the Ladies' Aid society, which will meet at the usual hour.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The regular meeting will be held at East Park chapel Monday evening.

The regular prayer meeting will be held at the church Monday evening.

Friday the regular teachers' Bible study will be held and the meeting will be led by Mr. Owen Scott.

MISS EWING SINGS.

One of the Features at Grace Church Service.

At the service held yesterday morning at the Grace M. E. church, the pastor, Rev. J. W. Van Cleve, delivered an address entitled "A New Line of Martyrs," and Miss Emma Ewing sang the solo "Just for Today," which was much appreciated. In the evening Mr. Van Cleve's subject was "One Law of Life and Death."

CHURCH OF GOD.

Usual Services Were Held There on Sunday

Usual services were held at the Church of God Sunday. The subject of the morning was "Devotedness to the Church," and the pastor spoke in the evening on "An Important Question." The C. E. meeting was led by Anna Kellar.

Announcements

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society will meet on Thursday afternoon at Rev. Mr. Mackey's, 260 East Marietta. Choir practice on Thursday evening at J. W. Fritz's residence, 554 North Franklin. The church council will meet on Monday evening at the church.

English Lutheran.

Regular services both morning and evening. In the morning the pastor had for his subject "The Triumphal Entrance into Jerusalem."

Announcements.

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Monday evening, when officers will be elected and reports from the various organizations in the church will be read.

The Willing Workers will meet at the home of Mrs. J. O. Spence, 1695 North Church street.

NEW MEMBER ADMITTED.

Service at German M. E Church Well Attended.

The services at the German Methodist church Sunday were largely attended. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Ross filled the pulpit both morning and evening and his subject at the morning services was "The Unchangeable Laws of God." Six new members were taken into the church with full connection and seven were taken in on probation.

MINISTER REFERS TO THE GANG OF DECATUR BOY BURGLARS

Rev. W. J. Davidson Tells of How Young Men In This City May Go Astray and Offers Advice.

"Young men leaving home and going out into the world do not need detectives to watch them, for the people with whom they come in contact will do that," said Rev. J. W. Davidson, pastor of the First M. E. church in a sermon at the opera house last evening on the subject, "Things Worth Quitting."

Continuing, Mr. Davidson spoke in part as follows:

"There are worse things than sickness that enter our lives as a result of our sins. Coming home last week after spending a few days outside the city, I picked up some of the city papers and noticed the account of the arrest of several boy burglars in our city. A pang of pity immediately struck my heart. I thought about the experience of the fathers and mothers of those boys. Imagine the anguish of those fathers, and how the mothers choked down with sorrow on learning the sad news. Certainly there are vastly worse things that enter our lives than sickness, as a result of our sins.

Went Wrong Here

"I remember a young man who professed religion in a church of which I was pastor in the western part of this state. Some time ago he came to Decatur and began attending our church services. I took him into my home and attempted to make things pleasant for him. Shortly there came to me inklings of his wrong doing. His attendance at the church services began to become irregular. I begged him to come to church. Soon the employer, who formerly had been in partnership with the father of the young man, began to complain of having trouble with his clerk. Finally the young man was discharged, and his brother was compelled to come to the city and take him home, where his actions could be guarded more closely. That young man was twenty-one years of age. He had a brilliant prospect, but he wasted all his chances. He allowed opportunities to slip through his fingers because he preferred things that damaged him.

What to Quit.

"There are a number of things that we should quit. I shall not mention the most heinous sins, because it goes without question that they should be abandoned. One thing that we should quit is the habit of saying "That the fates are against us." We should quit saying that, because we damage ourselves when we say it. Then, the statement is untrue. There is some thing surer than the fate, and that is God. A person can shake off such a thing as luck. There is no such thing as fate.

Then we should quit dwelling on future evils. We don't need to borrow trouble." Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.' Young men will find that if they will hammer down the evils that threaten them today they will kill a large part of the evil which otherwise would come upon them tomorrow.

"Another thing that we should quit is the universal habit of pretending. It is true that a pretender deceives some people, but pretense is a very thin cover, which is easily punctured. The easiest person in the world to deceive is the pretender himself. In public speaking, even in the pulpit many people seem to be what they are not. The worst calamity that can befall a man or woman is to appear to be something which they really are not. Pretension is vanity, and emptiness results in ruining character.

Fault Finding.

"A fourth thing that should be avoided is the habit of fault-finding. This habit has proven itself into our free American lives. There is no lese-majeste in America. We should quit fault-finding because it makes us miserable. Fault finding is a very productive little animal. You may go into some communities and you will find there some persons who is the 'knocker' of the entire locality.

"We should quit the disagreeable habit of boasting. We shouldn't be conceited, for people never believe a boaster. They all see through his elaborate stories. Lastly we should not neglect the Bible. Everyone should read the Bible because it strikes out the only pathway of light that is given. We should not neglect prayer, nor the attending of church, and lastly, Jesus Christ and his salvation. No one can afford to neglect these things, but many do nevertheless. Our greatest duty is to accept Christ. No one can be rich who neglects this last injunction.

Morning Service.

The services of the First Methodist church which were held at the opera house Sunday were largely attended and a great deal of interest was manifested in the meetings. Rev. J. W. Davidson occupied the pulpit at both the morning and evening services, and his subject at the morning service was "An Inscription on the Bells of the Horses." The Epworth League meeting was led by Carleton Mattes, and the subject was "Our One Excuse."

At the evening services a special Thanksgiving service was held and the subject discussed was "Harvest Home."

W. W. NEWELL HERE.

Tells of Work of the Congregational Building Society.

The address given by Rev. W. W. Newell of Chicago, at the Congregational church yesterday morning was in regard to the Congregational Building society. He said that this society during the last fifty years has distributed five million dollars to aid other churches in erecting buildings.

The growth of the denomination was never as great as it is today. A quarter of a million yearly is spent, and there are always about fifty churches awaiting help.

The evening service was opened by an organ recital by Professor Herman H. Kaeuper, after which Professor Edward Meek rendered a solo accompanied by the organ, which was highly enjoyed by all.

Mr. Newell delivered a sermon entitled "How Sure Are We of Christ?"

Wednesday evening a prayer meeting will be held and Rev. Henry Scott will deliver an address on Christian Enthusiasm.

Friday afternoon the Woman's Bible society will hold a meeting in the social room.

REHEARSE THIS WEEK

Meeting of the Choral Symphony Society Monday and Tuesday Nights.

AN UNUSUAL EVENT.

There will be a full rehearsal of the Choral Symphony society chorus Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:45 o'clock, at the E. A. Gastman school. A full attendance is expected, as the finer points of the choruses are to be brought out and emphasized. From the interest taken during the past two weeks the rendition of Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" bids fair to be a notable event in the musical life of Decatur. The chorus has worked faithfully. It will have able assistance from eminent soloists and from the Chicago Symphony orchestra.

It is doubtful if the music loving public of Decatur has ever before had an opportunity to hear a standard choral work in which greater care has been exercised in the preparation, or in which so much splendid talent has been enlisted. Season tickets may be secured at King's drug store and from R. C. Augustine.

WILL HOLD BANQUET.

High School Foot Ball Team Will Dine At St. Nicholas.

The high school foot ball team will have their banquet next Wednesday evening at the St. Nicholas hotel. This is the entertainment that was postponed from last Friday evening on account of one of the members being laid up with injuries. Besides the regular members of the team there will be present the substitute players, Coach Stevenson and Prof. Eastman. The boys are anticipating a pleasant evening.

MARRIED SUNDAY.

Thomas W. Hayden of Peoria and Miss Laura M. Cook of this city, covered, were married last night by the pastor of the Antioch Baptist church.

STILL TALK OF ... YATES' CAMP...

John J. Lane Says ... Run on Rate Fi... Issue.

DENEEN LOCKS ...

With Senator Hopki... Retention of Coy...

Some interesting political ... by John J. Lane in ... Chicago Inter-Ocean ... Richard Yates will ... for the United States ... will announce his candidacy ... short time is believed ... the former Governor's ... by some of the Chicago ... who are close to Gov... and the state organization ... of course, much will depend ... conferences which Mr. Yates ... his friends in Spring... beginning tomorrow ... leaders of the Yates ... all sections of the ... requested by the former ... meet him in the state ... recent days of this week ... more prominent men ... requested to be there tomorrow ... prepared to remain ... necessary. Besides these, ... leaders to the number ... hundred will be there ... or more counties be... each day.

It is expected that these ... will have interviews ... Deneen after they have ... with Mr. Yates, and ... both Yates and Deneen ... formed of the sentiment ... publicans in the various ...

Yates Men Not Unan...

That Mr. Yates will receive ... advice from his followers ... Some of the leaders in his ... will tell him that it ... is now too late for him ... because the Cullom ... at work for more ... have laid lines of ... which will prove strong at ... and in the state convention ...

It is known that the Cullom ... have been working especially ... to the men who may ... for nomination to the ... ture, with a view to ... nomination of as many ... as possible. These ... Yates that he should ... himself a candidate some ... Cullom men had progressed ... the "sewing up" process.

Want No More Gold ...

Others of the Yates leaders ... is their opinion that ... for the former governor ... a candidate without the ... avowed support of Governor ... his administration, es... Deneen wing of the party ... Cook county, and a definite ... of support by the De... in Chicago. This ... Yates men will say flatly ... accept no more gold br... Among these are ... strongest men in the old ... recall that in 1901 ... candidates for the senate ... in the hope of finally ... some one of the group ... at Cullom, but that ... found that, while ... and others had ... strength of his own the ... could not be ... of the combination.

So these Yates men will ... will not consent to ... a candidate if the ... the candidacy of ... candidate for the ... members of the ... thrown to one or other ... in the finish.

All others of the Yates ... their chief that they ... satisfied with any perfunctory ... support for Yates by the ... administration.

Want Wide Open ...

They will not take the ... Governor that the Deneen ... Cook county "will be ... time comes." These ... that if Governor Deneen ... that his captains ... finally agree to be ... for what Yates ... the state convention ... good reason why they should ... and say so openly. This class of the Yates ... Pease, Reddick, ... Deneen leaders in ... a number of the ... men and in Cook ... number of the represe... and in square, ... them what the Deneen ... Chicago proposes to ... the Deneen leaders ... the Yates men that ... Yates men will advise ... these Yates men will ... be a candidate. Failing ... by the Deneen lea... county, this section of the ... tion will advise the ... to stay out of the ... ends, they will insist ... own."

Job Holders Against ...

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May Run on Roosevelt ...

So it is certain that ...

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STILL TALK OF YATES' CAMPAIGN

John J. Lane Says He May Run on Rate Fixing Issue.

DENEEN LOCKS HORNS

With Senator Hopkins Over Retention of Coyne.

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...much will depend on the ... which Mr Yates will have ...ends in Springfield this ...ing tomorrow.

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Want No More Gold Bricks.

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Office Holders Against Candidacy.

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May Run on Roosevelt Platform.

...s certain that Mr. Yates will be given a lot of contradictory advice much of it of the unsatisfactory kind that may be expressed. "We would like to see you a candidate, but—"

Among some of the really and truly Deneen men—not the newspaper compulsion kind—in Chicago there is a belief that Yates will be a candidate, and that he will have the support of the state administration in a way that will show that the administration is with him. It is intimated that the Deneen leaders have mapped out a plan of campaign that will enable Yates to make a campaign on issues rather than on personality. It is said that Yates has been advised by these Deneen leaders to make a campaign on the issue of corporation regulation along the lines advocated by President Roosevelt.

Anti-Trust Program for Yates.

It has been pointed out by those men that Senator Cullom's strong card in the past has been his claim that he was mainly instrumental in procuring the passage of the interstate commerce act. They have said that it has been charged that the interstate commerce bill was entirely acceptable to the railroad attorneys, and that the railroads would not lose the interstate commerce act now—not for a large number of annual passes per year.

It has been suggested to Yates that he go right out after Senator Cullom on the railroad rate question and make the campaign one of issues, as had been said, instead of one of persons.

It also is gossip among the Deneen crowd in Chicago that, if Yates should be a candidate, he will have headquarters in Chicago, and that these headquarters will be in charge of some well known Deneen follower. Some color is given to part of this gossip by the fact that it has been announced that Mr. Yates will be here next Saturday, and that he will have a conference at the Great Northern hotel with a number of friends from the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth congressional districts.

Mind About Made Up.

But all this gossip must be modified by allowance for what may occur at the conferences to be held in Springfield this week. Certain actions taken by Yates within the past week or so indicate that he intends becoming a candidate and along the lines of making a campaign of issues recited in the gossip among the Deneen men in Chicago.

It is known that there have been conferences between some of Governor Deneen's close friends and the publishers of newspapers as to what the latter would do in the event of Yates' being a candidate.

That Yates would like to go out in the state as a candidate is certain. What effect the conflicting advice that will be given him by his friends this week will have on his actions cannot be forecast, because Yates is a man of impulse.

Deneen and Hopkins Lock Horns.

Governor Deneen and Senator A. J. Hopkins have locked horns over the question of federal appointments in Chicago, especially as to postmaster F. E. Coyne. On one of his recent visits to Chicago Governor Deneen met Senator Hopkins and Congressman H. M. Snapp and had a conference that lasted several hours. The federal appointments in Chicago and the state appointments in the Eleventh congressional district—the Hopkins-Snapp district—were discussed. The governor told them that he wants Postmaster Coyne reappointed and the senator told the governor that he is opposed to Coyne and will not recommend him for reappointment. It is said that Senator Hopkins added that if Senator Cullom could secure Coyne's reappointment it would have to be done without help from him.

Wants Coyne Retained.

The governor also told the senator that aside from Coyne he had no interest in the federal appointments in Chicago except that if the federal officeholders here be removed their places be not filled by men who would fight the Deneen organization in Cook county.

He said that if his political enemies were appointed to federal places here he would fight back. As to state appointments in the Eleventh district, the governor said that he would hold them in abeyance for the present, waiting to see what will be done with the federal places in Chicago.

Charles T. Cherry of Kendall county has been given another bank receivership, this time at Kingfisher. This makes three receiverships that Cherry has drawn from the federal place lottery.

It has been understood that Cherry has been insisting on appointments as collector of internal revenue in Chicago to succeed Henry L. Hertz. The Cullom following here seems to desire to save Hertz. If Cherry could be kept busy with well paid bank receiverships it was thought he might not be so insistent on getting Hertz's job.

Lowden Not a Candidate.

Colonel Frank O. Lowden will not be a candidate for Congress to succeed Congressman R. R. Hitt from the Thirteenth district. In an Ogle county paper Colonel Lowden thus defines his position:

"There have been many rumors afloat of late as to my possible candidacy for congress in this district. It is true that I have received a great many letters urging me to become a candidate. It, therefore, seems desirable that I should now make a definite statement in this matter. While I would esteem it a very great honor to represent this district in congress, I believe it will best serve the interests of the country to re-elect Mr. Hitt, who, I am informed, desires a renomination. Mr. Hitt's long years of distinguished service have made him a conspicuous figure in the nation's capital, and he is needed in congress at this time when foreign affairs are so important a part of our current history. I think it would be the graceful and right thing if this district should return Mr Hitt to congress without opposition."

There have been rumors that Mr. Hitt may receive a diplomatic appointment. If this should happen, Colonel Lowden will be a candidate for the nomination to congress to succeed Mr. Hitt.

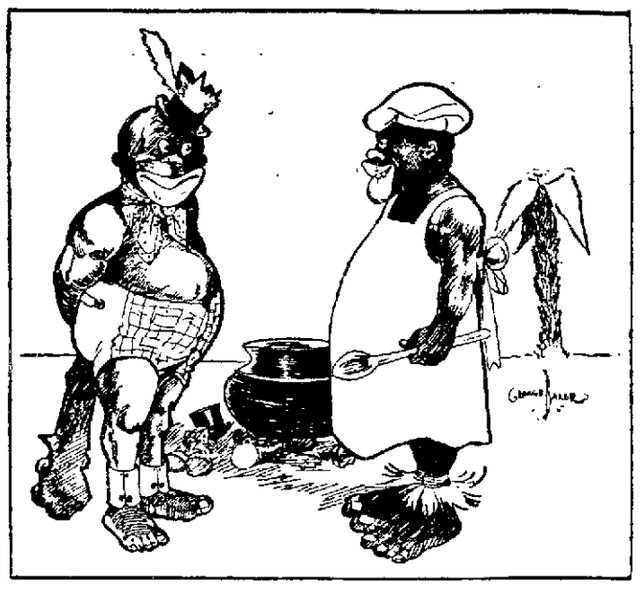
Committee Won't Interfere.

The republican executive and county committees will meet in annual session next Tuesday. It had been supposed that the ward club contests from the Second and Thirteenth wards might be taken up by the committee at those meetings. It is not likely that the committee will aggravate the trouble in those wards by deciding in favor of either faction. The policy of the committee will be to let the factions in the Second and Thirteenth wards rest in their present condition and fight it out for supremacy at the primaries next April.

Editor Harrison Is Recovering.

Danville, Dec 3.—John H. Harrison, editor of the Commercial News, who was injured in an automobile accident near Covington, Ind., some time ago, has almost recovered from his serious injuries and he was removed from Lake View hospital to his home in this city. He was confined in the hospital for twelve weeks. It was first thought that his injuries would prove fatal.

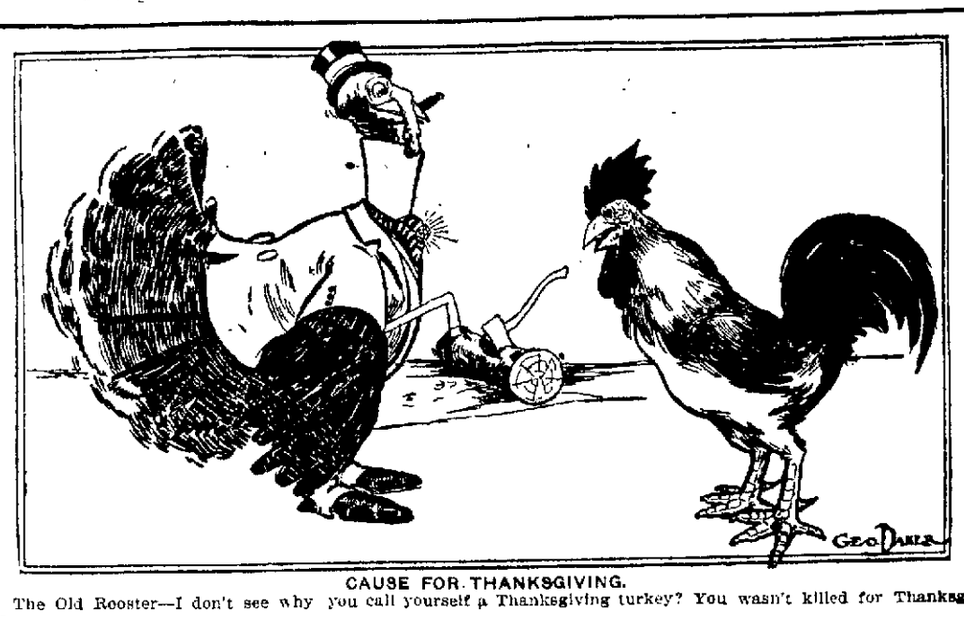
A Few Moments With the Funmakers



APPROPRIATE.

Cannibal Cook—Was your Thanksgiving missionary roasted to suit you today.

Cannibal Chief—Well done, good and faithful servant.



CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING.

The Old Rooster—I don't see why you call yourself a Thanksgiving turkey? You wasn't killed for Thanksgiving.

Turkey Gobbler—Of course, I wasn't. That's why I'm a Thanks-giving turkey.

IN DOUBT.

Mr. Noolleweed—Ah! coking, eh! Making some mince pies

Mrs Noolleweed—I hope so Fred, but the can of pumpkin was so much bigger than the can of mincemeat, I'm rather afraid they'll turn out to be pumpkin!

You notice this high Collar?
Well it is lined with steel
And when I have it on
Much more comfortable
I feel.

A THANKSGIVING REUNION

She was a woman of 40 and her eyes were full of tears and grief sat heavily on her face. It was Thanksgiving Day, and out on the streets the sleigh bells jingled merrily and happy thousands were hailing the day. There was no happiness for her. So sat thinking of her husband, who had been reported drowned at sea a month before. Last Thanksgiving they had sat with their arms around each other and talked of love and the rosy future. On this day

I floated 1,400 miles on the main-hatch cover.

she was a widow and despair was in her heart. She was weeping and thinking of the dark future, when there was a sudden step in the hall, the sitting room door was kicked open and a familiar and hearty voice cried out:

"Shiver my timbers, but why wasn't you down to the depot to meet me and pay my street-car fare up?"

"Oh, Rich—Richard, you were not drowned after all!" exclaimed the wife, as she rose up and precipitated herself into his arms.

"Drowned? No. The Saucy Sal went down, but I floated 1,400 miles on the main hatch cover, and here I am as good as new. Gimme a quarter 'till I go out and fill her up, and then I'll tell you all about it!"

And the reader cannot fail to see that passing from gloom to joy is just as easy as falling of a log, if you know how.

JOE KERR.

THANKSGIVING MEMORIES

"Ah! what a change from a year ago," he sighed as he stood shivering in a public doorway while the wind-laden snow whirled and screamed around him. "Last Thanksgiving I resided in a large and commodious stone house. There were many to wait on me and keep things in order. There was steam heat to chase out the cold. There was hot water handy. There was a doctor at my right and a chaplain at my left. By no possibility could burglars break in and despoil me. I had more money than I could spend, and I and 684 of my friends were gathered around me to help celebrate the day. Think of that and then gaze on this! Is it any wonder that my tears fall and my heart swells with grief as I think of the past—of only a year—of "Sing-Sing on the Hudson!"

And then the howling wind howled some more—the blowing snow blew for business—the cold ripped up and down his back and brought shivers, and gooseflesh, and a cop came along and said he would break his blamed neck if he didn't head away for the North Pole.

JOE KERR.

Said he would break his blamed neck if he didn't head for the North Pole.

Which Can Be Touched.

"What is meant by something tangible, pa?"

"Something that you can touch, son."

"Then it is another name for an easy mark."

A Definition.

"What's a 'chaser', pa?"

"An afterthought, my dear."

THANKSGIVING BELLS

"Julia, darling," he had said to his wife after their Thanksgiving breakfast, "I will run over to the store for three or four hours today and look over the books. I want to see how many hundred thousand dollars I have made this year, and how many bushels of diamonds I can buy you at Christmas time."

"You dear, duckie darling, run along," she had replied as she kissed him on the left ear and giggled in a girly way.

Four hours later and he came staggering back. He semed to have aged 200 years in the interval. He was bow-legged, hump-backed and lop-shouldered. His eyes were sunken, his side whispkers wilted and his cheeks caved in.

In the sewing machine drawer is the sum of $2,965,345.27.

"Great heavens, Walter, but what is the matter!" asked his wife as he fell into the room and utered a dismal groan.

"I—I am ruined!" he managed to gasp after getting hold on the floor with his toes.

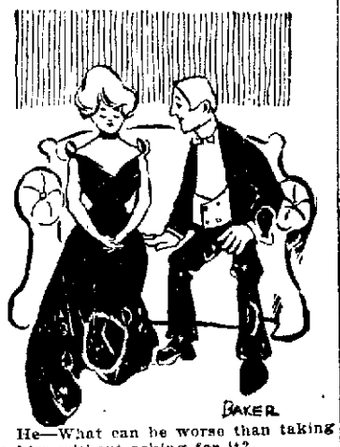
"Ruined? How?"

"Instead of making hundreds of thousands of dollars, I find that I am almost a million to the bad. I can't pay the hundredth part of a cent on the dollar."

"Is that all?" asked the little wife, with a smile of joy. "Darling, you are saved. We have been married three years. You have given me a million dollars a year to run the table on. In the sewing machine draw there I have at this moment, the sum of $2,965,345.27. It is yours. Take it and let's celebrate the day with lobster and champagne."

JOE KERR.

Up to Him.



He—What can be worse than taking a kiss without asking for it?

She (absently)—Asking for a kiss without taking it.

She Had Met Them.

"Scientists claim that lobsters are becoming extinct."

Jennie—Nothing in it. There were just as many lobsters at Frantic City this summer as ever.

Big Bug—I guess that's one of those fellows you call a jail bird.

Up-To-Date Beggar.

Beggar—Won't you help me a little, ma'am. My children are hungry.

Old Lady—Too bad, too bad.

Beggar (absently)—Yes, ma'am, and my wife hasn't entertained for quite a week.

No Hugging.

Daisy—Did you enjoy your auto ride? It must have been so exciting.

Molly—It was exciting, but I didn't enjoy it. Tom had to use both arms in managing the thing.

Runterhowler—Two managers want me to go on the stage, one in comedy, the other in tragedy. And I really don't know how to act.

Sue Brette—Yes, that's what everybody says about you.

Tommy (aged 7)—Say, pop, what makes a politician great?

Mr. Wise—Death.

Hurt Him.

Customer—That razor you're using must be rather old.

Barbar—How can you tell?

Customer—It has so many teeth.

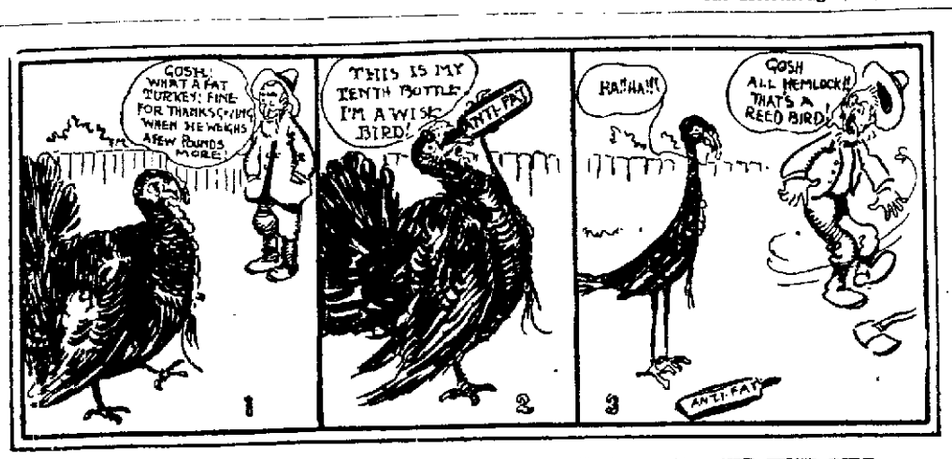
He Knew.

"A bed of quicksand is the most dangerous thing on earth."

"I guess you never slept in a folding bed."

Up in a Balloon.

A Russian up 'n a balloonsky
Got stuck on the horns of the moonsky;
And to a Jap spy
He said: "How's this for high?
Said the Jap: "You're a gone coonsky!"



WHY FARMER TURNIPS HAD NO THANKSGIVING TURKEY: OR, THE WISE BIRD.

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Market News.

FINLEY BARRELL LETTER.

By Tyler, Harney & Co., 112 East William St., Both 'Phones 352.

Chicago, Dec. 4. — WHEAT — The early tone was weak on bearish statistics showing large world's shipments, increase of supplies afloat and the failure of foreign markets to response to the public news indicating a serious Russian situation. This, of course, was offset by the large Russian shipments, 5,248,000. Offerings of wheat in the pit, however, proved light and the market gradually hardened. Early Argentine cables reported outlook for enormous crop, later ones said weather unsettled and crop prospects about the same as last year. Cash wheat was firm everywhere except at St. Louis, where the deliveries of less than 100,000 bu on a dull market broke the December price materially. Deliveries of 500,000 bu of wheat at Minneapolis was readily taken care of and values there advanced. Demand late for cash wheat from local and eastern millers was good. Berlin 1c lower.

CORN—The principal features in corn were covering of a large line of shorts by a prominent speculator and the selling of almost as large a quantity by an elevator house. There was also some selling by cash handlers operating mainly in the country. Some of the provision traders bought a little. Shipping demand was some better. Seaboard reported export business there and by way of gulf ports. Weather west clear and cold, favorable for movement if cars were available. New business at seaboard to loads. Cash sales local 200,000 bu.

OATS—Oats were largely sympathetic with other grains. Short selling helped depress the values at the start. The market then improved with other grains on the improved export demand and still later on the decrease in the visible supply and the enormous clearances. Latter were 609,000 bu. Cash sales here 356,000 bu, and at seaboard 170,000 bu.

PROVISIONS—Provisions have ruled firm from the start. Last week's source of offerings were missing today. This emboldened the bulls to increase their holdings, gradually bringing the market up nearer the level from which it started to decline Saturday. Trade was light in volume mainly because of the scarcity of offerings.

RANGE OF OPTIONS.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Following was the range of options on the board of trade today, with Saturday's close:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close	Yest.
WHEAT—Dec.—					
	84⅛-⅛	85	84⅛	84⅝	84⅝
May—					
	87⅞-½	88¼-⅜	87⅞	88¼-¼	87⅞-⅞
July—					
	83⅞-⅞	84⅝	83⅞-⅞	84⅝	83⅞-⅞
CORN—Dec.—					
	44⅞	45	44⅞	44⅞	44⅞
Dec.—Old—					
	45⅞	45⅞	45⅛	45⅞	45⅞
May—					
	44⅞	45-⅛	44⅝	44⅞	44⅞
July—					
	44⅝	45⅛	44⅝	45-⅛	44⅝
OATS—Dec.—					
	29⅞-¼	29⅞	29¼	29⅞-⅞	29¼
May—					
	31⅞	32⅛	31⅞	32-⅛	32
July—					
	30⅞	31	30⅞	31	30⅞
PORK—Jan.—					
	13.55	13.70	13.55	13.70	13.52
LARD—Jan.—					
	7.12	7.22	7.12	7.20	7.12
RIBS—Jan.—					
	6.90	7.00	6.90	6.97	6.90

GENERAL MARKET NEWS.

From H. H. Randolph, Member of Chicago Board, 106 E. William St.

THE WEATHER MAP.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The weather map shows: Canadian northwest, 2 to 20 above, generally fair Northwest, 2 below to 32 above; generally fair. West, 2 to 18 above, clear. Southwest 12 to 34 above; clear. Ohio valley, 16 to 22 above, partly cloudy, light scattered snows. Sunday's map shows good snow fall in the Ohio valley and very slight in northwest.

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Cash Wheat—No. 2 red, 86½c to 88c; No. 3 red, 84½c to 87c; No. 2 hard winter, 83c to 85c; No. 3 hard winter, 81c to 84c; No. 1 northern spring, 87c to 89c; No. 2 northern spring, 85c to 88c; No. 3 spring, 82c to 86c.

Cash Corn—No. 2 corn, No. 2 white, and No. 2 yellow, none received, No. 3 corn, 43c to 43½c; No. 3 white, 43c to 43½c; No. 3 yellow, 43c to 43½c; No. 4 corn, 42c to 42½c.

Cash Oats—No. 2 oats 30½c to 30⅞c; No. 2 white, 32c to 32½c; No. 3 oats, 32c; No. 3 white, 30½c to 31½c; No. 4 white, 29½c to 30½c, standard, 31½c to 32c.

CLEARANCES.

Wheat and flour—734,000 bu.
Corn—617,000 bu.
Oats—609,000 bu.

TOTAL VISIBLE SUPPLY.

	This Wk.	Last Yr.
Wheat	36,943,000	36,560,000
Corn	6,392,000	3,181,000
Oats	28,142,000	24,497,000

VISIBLE CHANGES.

All increase:	Today.	Last Yr.
Wheat	986,000	1,065,000
Oats	456,000	256,000
Corn	818,000	1,328,000

PRIMARY MOVEMENT.

	Today.	Last Yr.
Wheat, rec.	918,000	1,208,000
Wheat, ship.	621,000	594,000
Corn, rec.	773,000	1,626,000
Corn, ship.	479,000	795,000

FOREIGN CABLES.

Liverpool—Wheat, close, 4d to 3d lower; corn, ½d to ¾d lower.

CHICAGO CAR LOTS.

	Estimated.	Receipts.	Cont.
Wheat	37	45	7
Corn	143	222	3
Oats	163	254	28

ESTIMATES TUESDAY.

Wheat—55 cars.
Corn—371 cars.
Oats—192 cars.
Hogs—35,000.

NORTHWESTERN RECEIPTS.

	Today.	Last Wk.	Last Yr.
Minneapolis	396	871	848
Duluth	96	251	147

CASH BUSINESS.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Cash business Saturday was 30,0000 bu. wheat in mixed lots to millers; 180,000 bu corn, exclusive of 48,000 bu worked at New Orleans by Chicago interests and 365,000 bu oats. The seaboard sold 48,000 bu Manitoba wheat, 144,000 bu corn and 20,000 bu oats.

ST. LOUIS WHEAT MOVEMENT.

	Today.	Last Wk.	Last Yr.
Receipts	107,000	116,000	70,000
Shipments	18,000	36,000	48,000

KANSAS CITY WHEAT MOVEMENT.

	Today.	Last Wk.	Last Yr.
Receipts	99,000	158,000	137,000
Shipments	106,000	99,000	32,000

ON PASSAGE STATEMENT.

	Last Wk.	Prev. Wk.	Last Yr.
Wheat	34,424,000	33,944,000	30,792,000
Corn	14,260,000	14,267,000	18,171,000

EST. LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	32,000	34,000	30,000
Omaha	6,000	5,800	7,000
Kansas City	7,000	600	5,000

GRAIN AT LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Dec. 4.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 7½d. Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, is 10½d.

WHEAT AT MINNEAPOLIS.

Minneapolis, Dec. 4.—Wheat—December 81½c; May 86½c. Cash—No. 1 northern, 84½c; No. 2 northern, 82½c to 82½c.

ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK.

St. Louis, Dec. 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; market lower, beef steers $2 70 to $5.85; stockers and feeders, $2 to $3.75; cows and heifers $2 10 to $3.80.

Hogs—Receipts 10,000; market 5c to 10c lower, range $4 50 to $4 80.

NEW YORK GRAIN.

New York, Dec. 4.—Wheat—Receipts 36,000; exports 30,000. Spot firm; No. 2 red 93½c elevator; No. 2 red 97½c f. o. b. afloat. Options closed ⅜c to ⅝c net higher. December 95½c.

Corn—Receipts 177,000; exports 202,000; spot firm; No. 2, 60c elevator and 53c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow 53½c; No. 2 white 55½c. Options closed ⅜c net higher. December 55.

Oats—Receipts 182,000; exports 63,000. Spot steady; mixed 36c; white 36½c to 37½c, clipped 37½c to 40c.

POULTRY AND DAIRY.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Butter—Fancy, firm; others weak. Creameries 17c to 23c; Dairies 17c to 20c.

Eggs—Firm; 18c to 24c.

Poultry—Steady; Turkeys 12c; Chickens 10c; Springs 11c.

New York, Dec. 4.—Butter—Market irregular; creamery 18c to 24½c, dairy 16c to 23c; imitation creamery extras 18½c to 19c; firsts 17½c to 18c; seconds 17c to 25c; factory 15c to 17½c.

Eggs—Market steady; western fresh 32c; firsts 30c to 31c.

GRAIN AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 4.—Wheat—May 87½c. Corn—32½c to 33c; Oats—31⅝c.

CORN AT PEORIA.

Peoria, Dec. 4.—Corn—No. 3, 42c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Rye, 68c; Flax 94c to $1.01; Barley 36½c to 54c; Clover, $12.00; Timothy—March—$13.47.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 24,000; market steady to 10c lower; beeves $3.50 to $6.75; cows and heifers $1.25 to $4.75; stockers and feeders $2.20 to $4.15; Texans $3.40 to $4.10.

Hogs—Receipts 52,000; market 5c to 10c lower; mixed butchers $4.60 to $4.95; good heavy, $4.80 to $4.95; rough $4.60 to $4.70; light $4.55 to $4.90; bulk sales $4.75 to $4.90.

Sheep—Receipts 30,000; market steady. $4.00 to $5.85; lambs $4.75 to $7.75.

POINT TO LOWER MARKETS.

Cattle and Hogs Continue to Show Weakness at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Cattle—There was rather a heavy percentage of butcher stuff, but fortunately the run of native steers had fewer of the really common sorts than usual. Buyers thought early indications pointed to 10c lower market, for all save good to choice steers, the latter ruling steady.

Hogs—With a heavy run, sellers began operations on a market which looked 5c to 10c lower, and though some of this apparent loss was regained, the market at no time reached high point of Saturday. On the average it was a 5c lower market.

Sheep—Lambs were in comparatively light supply, and while they looked slightly easy at the opening, they were not so weak as sheep and yearlings. Values ranged steady to 10c lower.

Decatur Markets.

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat	84c
White corn, round lots 39c; single loads	38c
Yellow corn, round lots 39c; single loads	38c
Mixed oats	28c
Rye	60c

FEED PRICES PAID TO FARMERS

Timothy hay, per ton	$9.50 to $10.00
Oats	27c
New corn, bu	40c
Clover hay	$8.00 to $8.50
Timothy hay, per cwt	65c
Oat straw	$4 to $4.50

RETAIL PRICES.

Timothy hay, per cwt	65c
Clover per cwt	60c
Straw	30c
Oats, per bushel	35c
Cracked corn, per cwt	$1.20
New corn bu	50c
Corn and oats, chops, etc., cwt	$1.25
Wheat, for feed, bushel	$1.00
Shorts, cwt	$1.10
Bran	90c

BUTCHER STOCK.

Hogs	$4.50 to $4.90
Butcher steers	$3.00@3.50
Shipping steers	$4.00 to 5.00
Sheep	$3.50
Cows	$2.50@3.00
Calves	$4.00@5.00
Lambs	$5.00@6.50
Heifers	$2.50@3.00

POULTRY MARKET.

Hens	6½c
Old Cocks	5c
Spring chickens (large)	7½
Spring chickens, (small)	7c
Gobblers	10c
Old Toms	10c
Hen turkeys	11½c
P. F. geese	9c
S. F. Ducks	11½c
Spring turkey, 8 lbs. or more	12c
Live Pigeons, doz	60c
Fresh eggs	21c
Creme Butter	14c
No. 1 Hides	9c
Horse Hides, large	$2.75
Horse Hides, small	$2.00

FRANK D. LEARNED DEAD.

Former Well Known Resident of Benson Passed Away in California.

Benson, Dec. 4.—A telegram was received by F. E. Learned this morning announcing the death of his father, Frank D. Learned in Tropico, Cal., yesterday. The deceased was for many years one of the leading citizens of Woodford county.

Death o Jerry Danison.

Weldon, Dec. 4.—Jerry Danison died Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. He was stricken with paralysis Wednesday, but previously had always enjoyed excellent health. He was 78 years old and had resided in this vicinity for many years and was a man universally respected. He is survived by a widow and several children.

Bird's Eye View of Central Illinois

MINER LOSES HIS LIFE

William Walker Dies As Result of Being Crushed While at Work.

WAS CAUGHT BY A CAR

Springfield, Dec. 4.—William Walker, of Divernon, aged 18 years, died at 8 o'clock Saturday evening from injuries received when he was crushed between two cars twelve hours earlier in the Madison Coal Company's mine No. 8 at Divernon.

Walker was uncoupling two cars while they were in motion and just after he had succeeded in doing so, several cars which were running down the incline crashed into the rear car, pinching his right leg between the bumpers. Both bones were broken below the knee and he bled considerably, but it was not expected that death would result from the injury.

Hemorrhage, however, resulted from internal injuries and death shortly followed. Coroner Woodruff held the inquest yesterday morning.

The remains were sent to Chicago via the Illinois Central railroad, early this morning. The boy's mother is in Chicago. She was prostrated over the news and was unable to come to Divernon. The remains were sent there at her request.

The young man had been working in the mine only a week and was a bottom laborer. His father was employed in the mine.

CARES FOR FEEBLE MINDED.

Charitable Work of Dr. C. B. Taylor of Lincoln Institution.

Lincoln, Dec. 4.—Dr. C. B. Taylor, superintendent of the state asylum for feeble minded children at this place, today went to Chicago to purchase Christmas goods for the children in the asylum. Each child in the asylum receives a Christmas present and an entertainment by the children is usually given in the chapel where a Christmas tree of the home type is decorated. Almost a car load of candy, peanuts and other good things to eat are dished out to the children.

571 Acres for $22,000.

Petersburg, Dec. 4.—Henry Colby and Will Houghton, of this county, have purchased 571 acres of land in the Yazoo Delta through Nelson & Bennett of this city, for a consideration of $22,000. This is the third large purchase made in the Delta through this firm in the past seven months.

INJURED IN PETERSBURG MINE.

Petersburg Boy Sustains a Severe Injury While At Work.

Petersburg, Dec. 4.—Lee Eaton, a well known young man of this city, sustained a severe injury while at work in the Petersburg Coal Company's shaft near this city. Eaton was acting as driver of one of the cars in the shaft when in some manner it ran over his foot. He was removed to his home in this city, and medical assistance summoned. The injury is serious and may necessitate the amputation of the limb. Eaton has been peculiarly unfortunate this being his second accident within the last five months. In the latter part of July he was struck on the head with a brick and his life was despaired of for several days afterward.

APPEARS AFER A MONTH'S ABSENCE

Henry U. Feldkamp, Who Mysteriously Disappeared, Has Returned.

Springfield, Dec. 4.—After an absence of almost a month, during which time his relatives and friends were unable to locate him, Henry U. Feldkamp, 528 North Fourth street, returned to Springfield for a short time yesterday. He formerly held a position as cashier at the Chicago & Alton freight house. He suddenly disappeared from the city and his friends knew nothing of his whereabouts until yesterday morning when he put in his appearance.

Feldkamp's father yesterday refused to discuss the case except to say that his son had left the city. Employes at the Chicago & Alton freight house said that young Feldkamp disappeared some time ago without notifying his friends of his departure. When he returned yesterday he said that he had been in California and that he would leave in a short time for the north, where he will locate. Employes also said that he did not go home yesterday and that his father was not aware he had returned.

Miss Sarah Moser Is Married.

Tokin, Dec. 4.—Miss Sarah Moser, daughter of Benedict Moser, the wealthy Amishman, of Morton, and a sister of Samuel Moser, whose murderous assault upon his wife and three little children, is still fresh in the minds of the public, was married last week in Peoria to Mr. Christ Wieland, of Morton, Judge Simmons, of Peoria, performed the ceremony. It is an unusual thing for a member of any family of the Amish religion to be married by other than an elder of the church. However, since the Moser trial many of the younger people are breaking away from the church. Mr. Moser has signified his intention of giving his daughter a fine farm northeast of Morton, where she and her husband may reside.

Back Is Broken; Girl Lives.

Petersburg, Dec. 4.—One of the most remarkable surgical cases which has ever occurred in the state, is in this city. Some weeks ago Miss Florence Horner fell and broke her back. Drs. Whitley and Robert of this city were summoned and took charge of the case. After some days the patient began to mend and at present her condition is favorable to recovery. This case has probably no parallel in the medical annals of the state, accidents of this character invariably terminating fatally.

Hunters Kill a Horse.

Mattoon, Dec. 4.—The loss of a valuable horse, belonging to Frank Davis, a well known farmer living south of Celes station, is accredited by Mr. Davis to the negligence and carelessness of some hunters in that vicinity.

JURY FINDS CLOUD GUILTY

In Divorce Proceedings Instituted by Wife, Annie Cloud.

Springfield, Dec. 4.—A jury in the Sangamon circuit court which heard the evidence in the bill for divorce filed by Annie B. Cloud against Henry E. Cloud, returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of extreme and repeated cruelty. The case was heard by Judge Creighton.

Troubles in the Cloud home started about two months after their marriage. They started housekeeping on South English avenue in this city, and according to agreement it was decided that Mrs. Cloud should furnish the residence and that Cloud should pay the living expenses. Because she would not sign a note for $1,000 in favor of her husband, Mrs. Cloud alleges that the defendant struck her with his fists on different occasions and about nine witnesses corroborated her statement before the jury. Cloud alleges that his wife packed up the furniture and decamped, going to the home of her brothers, James and Frank Hampton of Mechanicsburg. At the time that his wife left him Cloud filed suit for damages against the Hampton brothers for alienating his wife's affections and breaking up his home, and then Mrs. Cloud retaliated by filing suit for divorce.

DEATH OF O. J. SMITH.

A Well Known Former Resident of This City Dies in New York.

Farmer City, Dec. 4.—News of the sudden death of O. J. Smith, a former well known and highly respected resident of this city was received here Saturday from Canandaigua, N. Y., where he had gone to spend the winter. Deceased had been a continuous resident of this city since 1859 till several months ago when he sold his elegant home here and moved to Kansas.

O. J. Smith was born in Canandaigua, Ontario county, New York, July 30, 1827. The early education of deceased was acquired in the common schools of that state and when he was 18 years of age he began teaching. In 1852 he came west, locating in Sangamon county where he taught school. During the time Mr Smith was engaged in teaching he invested his money in Illinois land which could be bought very cheap at that time. In 1901, deceased built a handsome Hedean house in this city. He also owned several large farms near this city, and 640 acres in Kansas.

Deceased was never married. The funeral occurred in Canandaigua, N. Y., Sunday, where the nearest surviving relatives live.

SEEKS WRIT FOR EQUALIZERS.

Alexander County's State's Attorney Begins Mandamus Proceedings.

Springfield, Dec. 4.—State's Attorney Alexander Wilson, of Alexander county, has instituted mandamus proceedings in the circuit court of Sangamon county to compel the state board of equalization to assess the approach of the Illinois Central railroad bridge at Cairo. The equalizers contend that the bridge should be assessed by the local authorities instead of the state board.

INITIATED FORTY CANDIDATES.

Many Visitors Attend Knights of Columbus Banquet at Odell.

Odell, Dec. 4.—Several hundred Knights of Columbus, from Bloomington, Joliet and other surrounding cities attended the initiation and banquet of the Knights of Columbus here today. Forty candidates were initiated, the work continuing until after 8 o'clock tonight. Following the initiation a banquet was served in Columbian hall, preparation having been made for 600.

SEVERE PENALTY FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

Judge Owen P. Thompson Administers Punishment.

Jacksonville, Dec. 4.—Judge Owen P. Thompson, presiding over circuit court called the contempt cases and severe penalties were given those who participated in the riot which took place in his court on last Tuesday afternoon. The defendants were called before the court and each one was asked to make a statement and after hearing from them he pronounced the following penalties.

Charles Smith, ordered imprisoned in the county jail or 100 days and to pay a fine of $25 and costs.

Willis McDonald (colored) ordered imprisoned in the county jail 100 days and to pay a fine of $25 and costs.

Joseph Smith, Jr., ordered imprisoned in the county jail for thirty days and pay a fine of $25 and costs.

David Smith, ordered imprisoned in the county jail thirty days and to pay a fine of $25 and costs.

Joseph Smith, sr., the father of the boys, fined $25 and costs.

Leonard C. Smith, fined $10 and costs.

Judge Thompson spoke at length regarding the affair and set forth where in the majesty of the law must prevail. The judge made a further decree regarding Willis McDonald, the colored man who was attacked by the Smith boys. He stated that McDonald had been a patient in the Susane hospital and whether or not he was in his right mind at the time of this fight he could not say, but rather than that one not responsible for his acts should suffer an unfair sentence, he directed the state's attorney to inquire into the sanity of McDonald and if found insane he should be committed to the Susane hospital, where he might be cared for.

Three of the Smith family are in jail, and all are workingmen with families dependent upon them.

Big Real Estate Deal.

Lincoln, Dec. 4.—A big real estate deal was consummated late this evening involving a transaction of $140,000. William F. Hoyle trades to Chicago parties the Lincoln House block, the Hoyle hotel building and Hoyle flats on south Logan street for certain real estate in Chicago which is leased for ten years at an annual rental of $11,800.

ASHLAND WOMAN DEAD.

Mrs. Allen Francis Nix Succumbs After Submitting to Operation.

Springfield, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Ellen Francis Nix, who was operated upon at Springfield six months ago, died Saturday at her home in Ashland, Ill. She was 57 years old and is survived by her husband, John Nix; two sons, Edward and Newton; and three daughters. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at the M. E. church at Ashland. Interment was made in Ashland cemetery.

WANT BETTER WATER

Springfield Business Men Begin Agitation In That Direction

DRIVE WELLS FAILURE

Springfield, Dec. 4.—The agitation for better water for Springfield has been taken up by the Business Men's association and plans are being formulated for extensive improvements of the municipal waterworks system. A special committee from the merchants' organization has waited upon Mayor Deneen and asked for a statement of the finances of the department, with the object of preparing plans for the betterment of the supply. The last legislature passed an act giving cities the right to levy a special tax for water works purposes and action will be taken under this statute. The city's supply has been coming from the Sangamon river. A drive well system was inaugurated a year ago, but up to the present time has not proved successful, although it may be further experimented with before a final decision is made.

ORGANIZE TO IMPROVE SOIL

Farmers About Arcola Form An Unusual Organization.

Arcola, Dec. 4.—Fifteen prominent farmers are forming a unique organization to bring forth the best results from Douglas county soil. Each member of the organization will pay a membership fee of 50 and next season each will pick twenty acres of corn off the choicest spot on his farm.

Certain general results will govern the contest and when the crops are harvested the one producing the largest number of bushels from the twenty acres will get one-half of the club's initiation fees, of $350. The one gathering the next biggest crop will get 35 per cent of the total and the third 15 per cent of the total.

Poultry and Pet Stock Show.

Taylorville, Dec. 4.—The fifth annual exhibition of the Christian County Poultry and Pet Stock association, which will be held at the Armory hall December 6, 7, 8 and 9, promises to equal the big success that was scored by the association last winter, when the large hall was crowded every day and evening with admirers of fine poultry.

As has been the case in past years the association has been fortunate in securing the services of a noted judge—this time Thomas F. Rigg, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, to score the exhibits. Mr. Rigg has the reputation of being one of the finest and best judges of the poultry circuit, and a score card from him is worth having. The indications this year point to a larger and better display of ducks and geese than ever before, and the hot class will be the White Wyandottes and Barred Plymouth Rocks. On the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 8 o'clock, a musical and literary program will be given.

Strasburg, Dec. 4.—Phil Hamm, who left Strasburg twenty-five years ago, is now a wealthy ranchman. He owns a 2,500 acre ranch that borders on the city of Sheridan, Wyo. He has a railroad switch right up to his stock pens and has 8 cattle right at his door. The city has built on two sides of his ranch, but he has refused so far to cut up his place in lots. When here he worked on the Wabash section. He is a brother of Martin Hamm, of Strasburg, being Martin's senior by two years.

SAVED FROM PAUPER'S GRAVE.

Woman Convict's Friends Claim Body and Give It Decent Burial.

Joliet, Dec. 4.—For the first time in the history of the Illinois state penitentiary a woman who died while serving a term as a convict has had no friends to offer to care for the body. Even the husband for whom it is believed by many she was innocently suffering, has not been heard from.

Warden Murphy refused to allow the remains of Mary Terry, of Springfield, to be buried in the prison potter field. Instead he purchased a lot in Oakwood cemetery here in Joliet, and the woman was given Christian burial at the personal expense of the warden. She was a model prisoner.

Will of Mrs. Morrison.

Lincoln, Dec. 4.—The last will of the late Mrs. Lizzie L. Morrison, formerly superintendent of the Illinois Odd Fellows' Orphans home in this city, was filed for probate Saturday. The estate consists entirely of personal property and is valued at $13,500 which is divided equally between the three children. There are 13,000 shares of mining stocks and ten shares of stock in the Springfield & Northeastern interurban railroad company in the estate.

Hinman Held for Murder.

Springfield, Dec. 4.—The coroner's jury which inquired into the death of John Lawrence, the third victim of the revolver battle in a local saloon, recommended that James Hinman be held on a charge of murder. Hinman immediately surrendered and was locked up. He had been released on bail on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of the other victims.

BRAIN PRESSURE GOES INSANE

Mattoon Colored Veteran Loses Mind From Blow After Many Years.

Mattoon, Dec. 4.—Jacob S. Anderson, an aged colored soldier of Mattoon, was declared insane Saturday in the county court and ordered committed to the asylum at Kankakee. Anderson has lived for many years in Mattoon.

During the early period of the civil war, before he enlisted in the army, he was in Terre Haute when an incipient riot occurred, a common thing in those stirring days, and in the trouble Mr. Anderson was hit in the head with a brick.

This wound, according to the physicians, is the cause of his mental trouble of the present. His skull was indented and the pressure has extended downward upon the brain causing dementia. An operation may bring relief.

MEET AGAIN AT JAIL

Sweet Singer and Brother Come Together at Same Old Place.

ARE QUEER CHARTERS.

There are at present in the county jail a couple of brothers who are characters in every meaning of the word. They are Bill and Henry Ethridge. Both are old soldiers and the difference in their ages is but two or three years. Both will come close to the sixty mark. A strange coincidence in connection with these brothers is the fact that they never see each other except when they meet in Decatur, and then in the county jail. Bill is better known in Decatur as "The Sweet Singer from Moultrie."

Probably two more honest men never lived than these brothers. Their one fault is their propensity for drink and they can certainly stow away a plenty. It so happens that they both struck Decatur recently and proceeded to fill up, which landed them in jail for a certain length of time. Henry had gotten there first. It was their first meeting for more than six months and they were delighted to see each other. As soon as they get out it will be the same thing over again. They will eventually turn up here.

NEWS OF UNIVERSITY.

Dr. J. D. Rogers Will Deliver an Address Tonight.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Orlandian Literary society of the university tonight Dr. J. D. Rogers, head of the ancient language department, will speak to the society on "Experiences in My Travels." The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The regular literary program will be omitted for the evening.

Dr. Rogers has traveled extensively and without doubt his address will be of great interest to those who come to hear him talk. Mr. Rogers spends almost every summer abroad. Summer before last he was engaged in extensive researches in Europe and Asia. Last summer was spent in the east.

At the regular meeting of the Philomathean Literary society this evening the following program will be given:

Oration—William Bell.
Reading—Miss McCown.
Poem—Mr. Isaacs.
Debate—Resolved, That recent life insurance investigations are more detrimental to the policy holder than to the company.
Affirmative—Bankson and Morrow.
Negative—Lehman and King.
Essay—Mr. Southworth.
Current Events—Miss Strader.
Original Story—Miss Bumgarner.

Returned to Urbana.

Edgar Grubel, of the U. of I., who has been staying at the Kappa Delta Chi house for a couple of days, returned to Urbana yesterday.

Secretary C. W. Dyer, who has been absent in Evansville attending a wedding, where he was best man, will return to the city today.

To Repeat Program.

Wednesday morning the faculty of the university School of Music will repeat the program that they gave about a month ago at the high school. On the occasion of the previous performance the entertainment was given in honor of the seniors and juniors.

The freshmen and sophomores decided that they had been somewhat slighted, so they appealed to Mr. Kaemper to give a program for them, with the result that the same program will be repeated Wednesday in the assembly room at the high school building. Those who will perform will be Mr. Hermann H. Kaemper, Mr. Harrington Johnston, Miss Virginie Melton and Mr. Edward Meek. The program will begin at about 8:45 and will continue for nearly an hour. The new grand piano will be used.

WILL BE A SUCCESS.

Elks Minstrel Show Promises to Be Great Event.

One week from tonight the Elks minstrel will be given at the opera house and present indications point to one of the greatest successes of the season in the way of a home talent entertainment. Mr. Love has worked diligently for the past two weeks with those who are taking part and the result is that they will be in the fittest condition to take their respective parts on the night of the show. The music in the minstrel will be sure to make a hit with the crowd and the specialties in particular will be considerably out of the ordinary.

Little Leo Freund, dressed for the occasion, will sing "Good-bye Hiram," with full chorus accompaniment and will without doubt be one of the principal features. Other solos with chorus accompaniment will be good and this part of the entertainment alone will be worth the admission. The twenty-five little boys and girls are well drilled and could do their part tonight if necessary.

The newspaper, the "Booster," grows more interesting every day, as sayings from the most prominent Elks are added to its columns. It is the intention of the staff to touch upon all the popular topics of the day and upon other points that are not so popular. As has already been stated, the boys are all walking on pins, in deathly fear lest they will be the butt of a good laugh from the audience at their expense. It is the intention of the editors to take a little crack at every member of the lodge and others that are not members. Some of the articles written by different members can well be termed "corkers," and doubtless this newspaper will be an entire show in itself.

The closing sketch, "A Hot Time In Decatur," will be another of the features and in this there will be some more local slaps that should put a finishing touch on the entire affair. It will be the climax of the evening's performance.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Resumed Work—N. L. Krone the druggist, who is putting up a brick building in the Beeman addition for his drug store and flats, resumed the work again this morning in spite of the sleet. He expects to get it under roof this winter.

Small Fire.—The fire department from No. 2 hose house was called to Jasper street yesterday to extinguish a blaze in a caboose. The damage was not great, amounting to only about one hundred dollars.

Blazed Up Again.—A small blaze broke out last night in the wheat at the plant of the Decatur Milling Co, which was destroyed by fire about a week ago, the hose wagon from fire house No. 1 responding to the alarm. After thoroughly drenching the wheat the fire was finally extinguished.

Pontiac Paragraph.

Pontiac, Dec. 4.—An attachment was levied on the real estate of Charles W. Babcock in this city on Saturday afternoon. The attachment was issued in aid of the suit recently brought by subscribers to the capital stock of the Upinit company against Mr. Babcock and the other officers of that concern.

FINLAND IS GETTING READY

Importing Great Quantities of Ammunition.

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 4.—Great quantities of rifles and ammunition are being imported to Finland. Every steamer departing for Finland from Sweden carries one hundred pounds of ammunition, the limit allowed under Swedish law for passenger steamers. Every available revolver has been shipped, as well as larger quantities of discarded Swedish army guns.

MONEY TO COLLECT MONEY.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The secretary of the treasury today sent to the house estimates of appropriations for defraying expenses of collecting revenue from customs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907. The grand total is $[illegible] 199,241.

BASEBALL MAN DROWNED.

Beloit, Wis., Dec. 4.—Orla Morry, [illegible] years old, captain and pitcher of Beloit's baseball team, was drowned this afternoon in the Rock river while skating. Miss Fannie Foster, college senior, who was with Morry, was rescued unconscious.

Removals.

Mrs. Ed Moriarity, 1120 East Eldorado street, is moving into the new house she bought at 405 East Marietta street.

G. S. Cunningham, who is a conductor on the Chicago division of the Wabash, is moving from 1252 East North street to Forrest, Ill.

S. M. Yonkey is moving from 540 Cerro Gordo to 571 North Monroe.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 4.—Mrs. S. [illegible] United States embassy at St. Petersburg passed through here today. The men, who were dressed in civilian clothes, are believed to be from the cruiser Minneapolis, which is at Gravesend England.

Explanation of the Trouble.

An Irishman just landed having [illegible] morninga ,wrfaM laterI7EOTANETIA be at work at a certain hour every morning and never succeeding in waking up in time was told to get an alarm clock. He had never seen or heard of such an article, but, nevertheless, went to a clockmaker and bought one, having the clockmaker explain how it worked. He took it home and set it to the time he wanted to get up but the following morning the clock did not go off and he overslept again. Being curious to know why it did not go off, as he was told it would, he took out the back and out dropped a dead cockroach. On seeing it he exclaimed: "No wonder the thing couldn't work! The engineer is dead!"

Help for the Georgia Farmer.

The telephone and rural free delivery of mail have increased Georgia farm lands from $10 to $100 an acre.

Which Was Commended?

In the churchyard of Woolwich, Kent, England, is the epitaph: "Sacred to the memory of Major James Bruce, Royal artillery, who was killed by the accidental discharge of a pistol by his orderly April 14, 1831. Well done, good and faithful servant."

If you like Mrs. Austin's famous buckwheat flour, won't you kindly tell your friends how delicious it is.

Farmers Column

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$ 20 Furniture, pianos, horses carriages,
$ 30 Goods in storage, warehouse receipts,
$ 50 Cattle, wagons, grain in the crib,
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